



1998 Major League State Champion All Stars

1998 ANNUAL REPORT

Goffstown, New Hampshire

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Sue Desruisseaux
Editor

***Congratulations to the
1998 Goffstown Major League State Champion All-Stars***

Front Row, L-R: Sean Naughton, Steve Szumiesz, Ryan Fisher, Dave Fradette, Bryan Dodge, Allan Palmer, Jeff Perkins, Adam Larkin.

Rear, L-R: Coach Allan Palmer, Jamie Morin, Corey Muscara, Chad Millard, Scott Emerton, Patrick McKinnon, Ryan Croasdale, Matt Mellor, Coach Tom Fisher, Coach Kevin Naughton, and in front, bat boy Riley Palmer.



Police Chief Stephen R. Monier

DEDICATION

POLICE CHIEF STEPHEN R. MONIER

The 1998 Annual Report is dedicated to Police Chief Stephen Monier for his 28 years of service with Goffstown Police.

He attended high school in Goffstown where he served as President of his Junior Class and of the National Honor Society. In 1970 he graduated with honors. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, from Saint Anselm College in 1974 majoring in Sociology with a minor in Criminal Justice. He is a graduate of the Delinquency Control Institute at the University of Southern California, and the National Crime Prevention Institute at the University of Louisville.

During his tenure with the Goffstown Police Department, he served as Patrol Officer, Director of the Juvenile Division, Administrative Services Officer, Sergeant and Lieutenant, before his appointment as Chief on July 1, 1984.

Chief Monier is currently a Commissioner with the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., a position he was appointed to in January 1996. He is a past President and current member of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, served nine years on the council at New Hampshire Police Standards & Training, he is a current member of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police and International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Chief Monier had the honor of being selected to the 1996 Centennial Summer Olympics Security Team in Atlanta, GA, and was named a team leader for the Athens site.

In addition to his commitment to law enforcement, Chief Monier is a past President and Member of the Goffstown Chapter, Rotary International; founding member and Board of Directors for Crispins' House, Inc., a non-profit organization designed to assist at-risk youths and families, and has been assistant coach for the Goffstown Parks & Recreation Youth Basketball League.

He is co-author of the book *Crime of the Century*, (Boston, 1993).

Steve, his wife Sandi, and their two children, Ashley and Chad, reside in Goffstown.

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INFORMATION ABOUT OUR TOWN

During King Phillip's War in 1734 Goffstown and West Manchester were designated as Narragansett No. 4, and used as shelter for officers and soldiers. The Town of Goffstown, incorporated 1761, is named for Colonel John Goffe, an early settler, soldier, and civic leader. Goffstown was originally a farming community. As the town was settled during the 1760's, the timber that was cleared was used in building ships. The wood was drawn by oxen to the village of Piscataquog and from there it was floated by raft to Newburyport, Massachusetts. The oxen route became known as Mast Road, now the main road through Goffstown.

Goffstown is located at 43N and 71, 36W in Hillsborough County nine miles west of Manchester on NH Route 114; north of Bedford on Route 114; east of New Boston on Route 13; south of Weare on Route 114. It is 16 miles to Concord, state capital of New Hampshire.

The Town has a population of approximately 15,500 (Planning Department and U.S. Census) and occupies approximately 36.9 square miles. Town Hall elevation is 306 feet above sea level, and the top of Mt. Uncanoonuc is 1321 feet above sea level.

GOVERNMENT: Goffstown is governed by a Board of five Selectmen. Legislative policy, including passage of the Town Budget, is determined by the annual Town Meeting. The Town provides a full array of governmental services, library and recreational services. At the 1996 Annual Meeting the residents passed RSA 40:13 changing the traditional town meeting to a ballot determination meeting followed by an official ballot.

The Town Hall is located at 16 Main Street. Town office hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday; 8:30 am to noon on Wednesday; and 8:30 am to 6:00 pm on Thursday.

TOWN CLERK: Voter registration is with the Supervisors of the Checklist or Town Clerk. To register to vote, one must be 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen and resident of Goffstown. New voter registrations for local elections are accepted 10 days prior to elections. Voter registrations for State and National elections are accepted at the polls on election day. Absentee ballots are available to qualified voters for Town and State primaries and general elections.

Dog licenses, which expire on April 30 of each year, are available at the Town Clerk's office. A dog must be licensed at three months of age; rabies certificate required. Fees are \$6.50 for neutered animals; \$9.00 if unaltered. A penalty of \$1.00 per month is assessed as of June 1 for unlicensed dogs.

Automobile registration is initiated at the office of the Town Clerk. Registration is due and renewable in the birth month of the resident owner. Reregistration decals are available from the Town Clerk for an additional fee of \$2.50. In 1999 plates for passenger vehicles will be available in this office. A mail-in auto reregistration program began in November 1995.

PROPERTY TAXES: Goffstown collects property taxes semi-annually; payments are due at the Tax Collector's Office July 1 and December 1. Property is assessed as of April 1. A town-wide revaluation was completed in 1998. The tax rate for 1998 was \$35.35 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

ZONING: A Town Zoning Ordinance controls land uses in Commercial, Industrial, Residential Small Business Office District (RSBOD), Residential, Agricultural, Flood Plain and Conservancy Open Space Zones.

POLICE: The Goffstown Police Department is located on Route 114 across from the State Prison for Women and adjacent to the Hillsborough County Nursing Home.

PUBLIC WORKS: The Public Works Department is located at the west end of Depot Street in Goffstown Village. Curbside solid waste and recycling pickups are once a week. The Transfer Station for solid wastes and recyclables is located at 404 Elm Street, and is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.

LIBRARY: The Goffstown Public Library is located on Route 114, between High Street and Elm Street and is open from 10 am to 8 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday; 10 am to 6 pm on Thursday; 10 am to 5 pm on Friday; and 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday. The Library operates a Branch Library in Pinardville at the Goffstown Square. The Branch is open Thursdays and Fridays from 1 pm to 8 pm; Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.: The Parks and Recreation Department, with an office at 155 Mast Street provides two supervised playgrounds with excellent programs, two public swimming pools, seven public tennis courts, athletic fields, a running track, and an outdoor ice skating area, with supervised year-round programs for youth and adults.

SCHOOL DISTRICT: The Goffstown School District is governed by an elected nine-member School Board; its budget is determined by the Annual School District Meeting. At the 1996 Annual Meeting the residents passed RSA 40:13 changing the traditional school meeting to a ballot determination meeting followed by an official ballot. School Department offices are located in the White Building at the end of School Street in Goffstown Village. The Superintendent of Schools serves the school districts of Goffstown, Dunbarton and New Boston. In Goffstown, the public schools consist of two elementary schools, grades 1 - 3, Maple Avenue School in the Village and Bartlett School in Pinardville; one middle school, grades 4 - 8, Mountain View Middle School, 41 Lauren Lane in Grasmere; and one high school, grades 9 - 12, Goffstown Area High School, 27 Wallace Road in the Village, which accepts Dunbarton and New Boston tuition students.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Selectmen

First Monday of the month 9:00 AM. Second, Third and Fourth Monday of month 6:00 PM. Meetings held at Goffstown Town Hall.

Budget Committee

Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Community Access Cable TV Committee

First Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the GTV studio in Goffstown High School.

C.I.P. Committee

May through November Wednesdays at 7:00 PM as needed.

Conservation Commission

First Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Goffstown Town Hall.

Economic Development Council

Second Tuesday of the month at 5:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Highway Safety Committee

As needed

Historic District Commission

First and third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Grasmere Town Hall/School House #9.

Library Trustess

Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Library.

Parks & Recreation Committee

Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Parks & Recreation building.

Planning Board

Second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at Goffstown Town Hall.

School Board

First and third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the S.A.U. office, 11 School St. or Goffstown Area High School.

Sewer Commission

Second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Solid Waste Commission

Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

PEOPLE SERVING GOFFSTOWN

Governor

Jeanne Shaheen

United States Senators

Judd Gregg

Robert C. Smith

Representatives in Congress

John E. Sununu

Executive Councilor

Bernard A. Streeter, Jr.

State Senator

Richard Danaïs

Representatives to

General Court

Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr.

Ruth E. Gage

Bruce F. Hunter

Karen K. McRae

Robert L. Wheeler

Board of Selectmen

Henry C. Boyle, *Chair* 2001

Barbara J. Griffin, 2001
Vice-Chair

Philip A. D'Avanza, 1999

Bruce F. Hunter 2000

Robert L. Wheeler 2000

Town Moderator

Rodney L. Stark 2000

Town Clerk

Marlene M. Gamans 1999

Town Treasurer

Jean C. Mayberry 1999

Administrative Officers

John Scruton,

Town Administrator

Stephen R. Monier, *Police Chief*

Edward Hunter, *Fire Chief and*
Forest Fire Warden

Carl L. Quiram, *Public Works Dir.*

David L. French, *Recreation Dir.*

Dianne Hathaway, *Library Dir.*

Sue Desruisseaux,

Support Services/Welfare

Administrator

André Garron, *Planning &*

Economic Development Coord.

Ron Mace, *Assessor*

Maureen McLean, *Finance Dir.*

Edmond Neveu,

Building Inspector, Zoning &

Health Official

Cheryl S. Renaud, *Tax Collector*

Kerry P. Steckowych, *Prosecutor*

Michael Ryan, Paul Fitzgerald,

Wm. Drescher, *Town Counselors*

ADA Compliance Committee

Jack Fletcher, *Chairman*

Jean Mayberry-

John Scruton/Sue Desruisseaux

Pam Manney, *School Board Rep.*

Vacant - Secretary

Vacant

Budget Committee

Chris McRae, *Chair* 2000

Peter Georgantas 1999

George Fullerton 1999

Ezra P. Beck 2000

John Davis 2001

Robert Draper 1999

Carmen Gangi 2000

Timothy Hanson 2001

Peter H. Jennings 2001

Dennis Rechcygl 1999

John Stafford 1999

Bill Tucker 2001

Craig Hieber,

School Board Rep.

Robert L. Wheeler, *Sel. Rep.*

Richard Fletcher,

Goffstown Village Water Rep.

Vacant

Grasmere Village Precinct Rep.

Building Board of Appeals

Arthur Rose, Sr. <i>Chair</i>	1999
Norman Chauvette	1999
Daniel Dugrenier	1999
Darron Pierson	2001
David White	2000
Paul Lebrun, <i>Alternate</i>	1999

Cable TV Community Access Committee

James Pingree, <i>Chair</i>	2001
Donald Gagnon, <i>Vice-Chr.</i>	1999
Marie Boyle	2000
David Chabot	2000
Richard Gamache	1999
Doug Gove	2000
Suzanne Tremblay	2001
James Fadden, <i>Alt.</i>	2001
Sue Desruisseaux, <i>Gov't. Adv.</i>	
Richard Gagnon, <i>PEG Coordin.</i>	
Les Rosenthal, <i>Educ. Advisor</i>	

Cable TV Franchise Renewal Committee

Anthony Marts, <i>Chair</i>	2001
Sue Desruisseaux	2001
Richard Gamache	2001
Gossett McRae	2001
Suzanne Tremblay	2001
Marie Boyle, <i>Alternate</i>	2001

Cemetery Trustees

Timothy Kenney, <i>Chair</i>	2001
Michael Massey, <i>Vice-Chr.</i>	1999
Anthony Marts	2000

C.I.P. Committee

JoAnn D'Avanza, <i>Co-Chair</i>	
Claire Rouillard, <i>Co-Chair</i>	
Amy Chalsma, <i>Community Rep.</i>	
John Davis, <i>Budget Rep.</i>	
André Garron, <i>Planning Adv.</i>	
Peter Georgantas, <i>Community Rep.</i>	
Karl MacGibbon, <i>School Board Rep.</i>	
Maureen McLean, <i>Finance Adv.</i>	
Patrick Tucker, <i>Community Rep.</i>	
Robert Wheeler, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	

Conservation Commission

Jane Raymond, <i>Chair</i>	1999
Evelyn Miller, <i>Vice Chair</i>	1999
Charles Freiburger	2001
Julie Grandgeorge	2001
Karen McRae	2000
William Scimone	1999
Susan Tucker	2000
Collis Adams, <i>Alt.</i>	1999
Timothy Hanson, <i>Alt.</i>	1999
Jean Walker, <i>Alt.</i>	1999
Bruce Hunter, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	

Economic Development Council

William Jabjiniak, <i>Chair</i>	2000
Lynn Marie Hummel, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	2000
Marie Boyle, <i>Sec.</i>	2000
Judith DesMeules	2001
Margaret Dolbow	2001
Henry Grady	1999
William Hamilton, Jr.	2000
Michael K. Massey	1999
Matthew Peterson	1999
Philip Tatro	2001
Bruce Hunter, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Robert Wheeler, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Barbara Griffin, <i>Alt. Sel. Rep.</i>	
André Garron, <i>Town Administrator's Rep.</i>	
Gossett McRae, <i>Planning Board Rep.</i>	

Goffstown Village Water Precinct

Allen D. Gamans, <i>Chair</i>	2000
Henry C. Boyle	1998
Henry L. Burnham	2002
Richard Fletcher	1999
Raymond Taber	2001

Grasmere Village Water Precinct

Arthur Rose, Jr., <i>Chair</i>	1997
Theodore Rohr	2001
William Swanson	1999

Highway Safety Committee

Stephen Monier, *Chairman,*
Police Chief

Philip D'Avanza, *Sel. Rep.*

André Garron, *Planning &*
Economic Dev. Coordinator

Carl Quiram, *Public Works Dir.*

Gerard Nadeau, *Community Rep.*

Historic District Commission

Philip D'Avanza, *Chair* 1999

Eleanor Porritt, *Vice Chair* 2000

Barbara Mace, *Sec./Treas.* 1999

Marie Boyle 2001

Robert Gagnon 2000

Doug Gove 2001

Annie Vincent 2000

Terri August, *Alt.* 2000

Kathleen France, *Alt.* 1999

Elizabeth Merrill, *Alt.* 2001

Roberta Perkins, *Alt.* 2001

David White, *Alt.* 1999

Landfill Reuse Committee

David French

André Garron

Henry Grady

Barbara Griffin

Fred Hicks

William Jabjiniak

Carl Quiram

Libert Sousa

Library Trustees

Carolyn Benthien, *Chair* 2001

Cathleen Ball, *Vice Chair* 1999

Ricci J. Allard 1999

Mark P. Choquette 1999

William Exner 2000

Barbara J. Griffin 2000

Kenneth Rose 2001

Barbara Griffin, *Sel. Rep.*

Paper Roads Committee

Howard Leonard, *Chair*

JoAnn D'Avanza

Armand Demers

George Hebert

Jane Raymond

Sue Desruisseaux, *Sel. Rep.*

David Burl, *Alternate*

Susan Tucker, *Alternate*

Parks & Recreation Comm.

Susan Tucker, *Chair* 1999

Paul Smith, *Vice-Chair* 2001

Lionel G. Cullerot 2001

Robert Draper 2001

J. Claude LaRoche 1999

D. Michael McKinnon 2000

Michael J. Ryan 1999

Bruce Hunter, *Sel. Rep.*

Richard Fletcher, *Budget Rep.*

Piscataquog River**Local Advisory Committee**

Alfred P. Bertagnoll (Dr.) 1999

Vivian T. Blondeau 2000

Charles Frieburger 1998

Planning Board

Gossett McRae, *Chair* 2001

James Raymond, *Vice Chr* 2001

JoAnn D'Avanza, *Sec.* 2000

Richard Georgantas 2000

Miles Phillips 1999

Claire Rouillard 1999

Collis Adams, *Alternate* 1999

Mark Choquette, *Alt.* 1999

Milton Meyers, *Alternate* 2001

Henry Boyle, *Sel. Rep.*

Barbara Griffin, *Alt. Sel. Rep.*

School Board

Michael York, *Chair* 2000

Ellen Vermokowitz,
Vice Chr. 2001

Randall Benthien 1999

Craig Hieber 2001

Carl MacGibbon 2001

Pamela V. Manney 1999

Virginia McKinnon 2000

Jane E. Raymond 2000

William D. Totherow 1999

Kristine Paquin, *Student Rep.*

School Moderator

Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr. 2000

School Clerk

JoAnn D'Avanza 2000

School Treasurer

Helen Skoglund 2000

School District Administration

Darrell Lockwood, Ph.D.

Superintendent of Schools

Charles A. Gaides,

Asst. Superintendent

Mary Heath,

Asst. Superintendent

Michele Croteau,

*Business Manager****Bartlett Elementary School***Kathleen Dodwell, *Principal****Goffstown Area High School***Chris Mosca, *Principal*John Farese, *Asst. Principal*James Fullam, *Asst. Principal****Maple Ave. Elementary***Marc A. Boyd, *Principal****Mountain View Middle***Rose L. Colby, *Principal*James I. Doig, *Asst. Principal*Sandra Davis, *Asst. Principal***Sewer Commission**Stephen R. Crean, *Chair* 1999

James A. Bouchard 2000

Paul LaPerle 1999

Bruce Hunter, *Sel. Rep.***Solid Waste Commission**

Christopher Conroy,

Chair 2000

Kilton Barnard 2001

Barbara Barbour 2000

Ezra Beck 2001

Paul LaPerle 1999

Barbara Perkins 1999

Vacant 2000

Barbara Griffin, *Sel. Rep.*Bruce Hunter, *Alt. Sel. Rep.*Russ Lauriat, *Advisor***So. NH Planning Commission**

Milton Meyers 2002

Arthur Rose, Sr. 2000

Robert Wheeler 2001

Barbara Griffin, *Alt.* 2001**Supervisors of the Checklist**Donna Bergeron, *Chair* 2002

Donna Kelly 2000

Helen Skoglund 2004

Trustees of the Trust FundsAndrew Szerlog, *Chair* 2000

Steven Murphy 2001

William J. Schubert 1999

Zoning Board of AdjustmentHenry Grady, *Chair* 2000Anthony Marts, *Vice-Chr* 1999William Jabjiniak, *Clerk* 2001

Paul Lambert 2000

Robert Piper 1999

Cynthia Boisvert, *Alt.* 2000Armand Demers, *Alt.* 1999Edward Dial, Jr., *Alt.* 2001James Kibby, *Alt.* 2001Vacant *Alternate* 2001

SELECTMEN'S REPORT



GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

L-R: Barbara Griffin (Vice Chair), Bruce Hunter, Henry Boyle (Chair), Robert Wheeler, Philip D'Avanza

The Board of Selectmen thank the many volunteers and Town employees who have worked together to provide quality services to the community. The volunteer effort is seen, not only on essential boards and committees, but also through the efforts of service organizations. The Rotary Club built a beautiful park near the Main Street Bridge. The Lion's Club continues a long tradition of providing playing fields to the schools and sports organizations. The Villa Augustina provides the fields on which the Little League teams play. The Goffstown Junior Baseball Major League All Star team won the State Championship.

There were many volunteers working with the PEG Access Cable TV station, expanding coverage of meetings, local sporting events, and holiday activities. Several new community information programs have been developed. Holiday celebrations of Halloween and Christmas have been expanded and involved a much larger group of citizens. One of the broadcast events was the thirteenth annual visit of students and chaperones from Kunitachi, Japan, our sister city.

At the beginning of 1998, the Parks and Recreation Building was bursting at the seams with so many people using the facilities. By the end of 1998, the building had been renovated and a large addition added, enhancing the many recreational programs run by the Town. Volunteers also

expanded the recreational opportunities by building a skateboard park near the Church Street Fire Station. This has been very popular with young people as well as people in the downtown area where the youth no longer congregate to use handicap ramps for skateboarding.

The Board continued to implement the twenty year road maintenance plan with reconstruction work on Wallace Road and paving eight miles of other streets in Town. The Town has started a major initiative to keep water from destroying roadways by extensive work on repairing culverts and ditches and the use of crack sealing to prolong the life of roads. After the good experience with the first ten-wheel dump truck, a second one was purchased to replace an older six-wheel dump truck. At the present time it appears two ten-wheel dump trucks puts the department at peak efficiency and a third ten-wheel dump truck is not needed.

Plans continue to be developed for the closure of the landfill. A committee has recommended a future use for the landfill site for recreation. There was a smooth transition to the use of the scale at the Transfer Station. There was a large drop in volume of material that the Town had to pay disposal costs upon.

The Fire Department ordered a replacement Fire Hose Truck. The Town continued the computer upgrades with new equipment and software for the Fire and Public Works Department. The Town continues to assess and plan for year 2000 computer issues, various computers and programs have been upgraded, and contingency plans are being developed.

One of the major projects in the Town Hall this year was completion of the revaluation of property. This was done at a fraction of what it would have cost to hire an outside firm. After five years with a level or declining tax rate, there was a change for 1998. The Town completed the revaluation of property to fairly adjust property values down to 100%. This adjustment downward in values by over 20%, resulted in a corresponding increase in tax rates. Most of the change that occurred in the Town side tax rate was directly related to this revaluation.

The Selectmen thank the many dedicated hard working Town employees who have helped to carry out the mission given by the voters. The Board of Selectmen regretfully says goodbye to Police Chief Steve Monier and Public Works Assistant Director Armand LaBrie who retired effective the end of the year. We also welcome Dianne Hathaway who was chosen to begin as the new library director, effective January, 1999.

This was a year in which we saw outstanding progress as many things were accomplished. These achievements could not have been done without the help of so many dedicated people, including the citizens of Goffstown, whom we thank for their support. We invite their suggestions for a better tomorrow.

Goffstown Board of Selectmen

Henry Boyle, *Chairman*

Barbara Griffin, *Vice-chairman*

Philip D'Avanza

Bruce Hunter

Robert Wheeler

1998 TOWN BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 1998

Moderator Rodney Stark called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. There were 155 registered voters in attendance.

Presentation of the colors was made by members of the Police Explorers and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Selectman Phil D'Avanza.

Moderator Stark introduced the people at the head tables: Selectmen Phil D'Avanza, Henry Boyle, Barbara Griffin and Bruce Hunter; Town Administrator John Scruton; Finance Director Maureen McLean; Assistant Moderator Gossett McRae, Town Clerk Marlene Gamans and Town Scribe Marie Boyle. He also introduced Peter Georgantas, Chairman of the Budget Committee and pointed out the budget committee members.

He explained that this procedure differs from the traditional town meeting. This is the meeting at which the form of the ballot is determined. Ballot voting will be conducted on Tuesday, March 10 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

He explained the procedures for tonight's meeting and explained that articles may be amended, AS LONG AS THE AMENDMENT DEALS WITH THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER AS THE ARTICLE DID ORIGINALLY. You cannot change the basic subject matter of the article. He also explained the procedures for requesting a secret written ballot vote, for amending an article, etc.

He recognized Parks and Recreation Director Dave French.

Mr. French, Sue Tucker, Barbara Robinson and Lionel Cullerot came forward for the annual presentation of the Clint Robinson/Lionel Cullerot Award which honors those individuals who, through their efforts have improved the quality of leisure activities for citizens of Goffstown of all ages.

The nominees for this year's award are Bill Sullivan (Dave French listed his achievements on behalf of recreation); Jean Walker (again, Mr. French gave a rundown of her accomplishments) and this year's award winner, Bruce Rand.

Mr. Rand has been a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for the past 22 years; he has coached Manchester Youth Hockey; he has been a girls' softball coach; a Goffstown Junior Baseball coach and a member of the Sports Booster Club.

Moderator began the reading of the warrant. Peter Georgantas moved to dispense with the reading of warrant articles 2 through 12, seconded by Preston Lawrance. Motion passed.

Moderator explained the wording of the articles must be in the form of a question on the ballot, and last year the meeting changed the wording so the words, "Shall the town" replaced "To see if the town." Said with the permission of the meeting he'd like to change them again to read, "shall the town."

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$818,300.00), for the purpose of financing the municipal wastewater line expansion into the area known as Moose Club Park (Moose Club Park Road, Shore Drive, Channel Lane), to authorize the purchase of such land as is required to carry out this purpose, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$818,300 in bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the maturity and other terms and provisions thereof, as may be in the best interest of the Town. It is the intent of the Goffstown Sewer Commission to repay this bond issuance through a combination of a State grant, existing fund balance, sewer user fees and by charging a \$5,000 accessibility fee to each property that will be connecting to this lateral.

He noted that the Selectmen recommend this appropriation since it contains no new fees or taxes, and the budget committee also recommends it.

Selectman Bruce Hunter moved the article to the floor, seconded by Preston Lawrance.

Jim Bouchard, Sewer Commissioner, spoke to the article: I'd like to speak in favor of this article and give some history of it. This project serves 56-60 single family residences located behind Shaw's along the Piscataquog River. Most of these properties are on land areas of less than 10,000 square feet and are currently served by septic systems. Changing environmental laws are making it increasingly difficult to get septic systems designed for this area. Also the State is making it almost prohibitive for these people to get any approved septic systems in this area.

It would be about 2500 feet of sewer line, 13 manholes and a pumping station. It will tie into the force main in Riverview Park and from there to the Manchester treatment plant. The construction time period will probably be less than a year from design to placing the system in operation. The amount of \$818,300 would be repaid through various mechanisms – the sewer commission's reserve fund, user fees and a State Grant and an accessibility charge for the landowners who hook onto the system. This will not change the charges to the other customers and doesn't pose any tax impact or other fees to the citizens of Goffstown because it will not appear on the tax rolls.

He gave a short history of the sewer commission's construction of the town interceptor and the bonds which the commission has had to fund for that construction. All payments made to date have not impacted the citizens of Goffstown outside of the people who use the system – about \$23 or \$24 a quarter.

He hoped the town will approve this article so this project can be completed. This project was originally contracted for in the 1990 sewer commission's facilities plan.

Moderator said he'd like discussion pro and con in turn. Asked for anyone who would like to speak against the article.

Nobody wished to speak either against or for the article.

Bill Tucker moved the previous question, seconded by John Stafford. Motion passed.

Moderator directed the Town Clerk to place Article 13 on the ballot as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate \$200,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1997 under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of closure of the landfill?

He noted that the Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Selectman Barbara Griffin moved the article to the floor, Phil D'Avanza seconded it.

B. Griffin – This article is identical to one we put on the warrant last year where we established a Capital Reserve Fund for landfill closure – we do not yet have specific costs. The Selectmen, the Capital Improvement Committee and the Budget Committee feel it's good financial management to set money aside each year for the closure. We're beginning work with the State for the closure and expect it to begin in the year 2000. The Selectmen hope you will vote to continue this fund. It will require a vote of the public to take any money from this fund and it cannot be used for anything else.

P. Tucker, CIP committee member – I voted for this on the CIP – I have done some environmental projects and I feel that this fund does save us more money because it will show we don't intend to stonewall – we want to do the right thing and close the landfill. The costs of closing landfills is coming down. Let's vote for this and show our willingness to do the right thing.

Mike Pothier – Can someone from the Selectmen or the DPW give us an update on the landfill efforts so far?

B. Griffin – There has been a Landfill Closure Committee established – GEO Insight has been hired for preparation of site work – we're also looking at the land for a secondary use, hoping we can use it for something else after it's closed.

Ms. Griffin introduced Carl Quiram, Public Works Director.

There were no speakers either for or against this article.

P. Georgantas moved the previous question, seconded by John Stafford, motion passed.

Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to put Article 14 on the ballot as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate \$555,000 for re-building the bridge over the Piscataquog River on Parker Road? The amount of \$444,000 of this appropriation will be reimbursed to the Town by the State.

This article is recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Selectman Phil D'Avanza moved the article to the floor, seconded by B. Griffin.

P. D'Avanza – This article deals with the Parker Road Bridge off of Route 114 – if you've ever gone to the blueberry farm you've gone over it. This bridge needs replacing and the State recognizes that and as a result they've offered to give us \$444,000 towards the replacement of that bridge. In order to get that money we have to appropriate the total amount of \$555,000 and if the project goes forward we get reimbursed by the State. It's an 80-20 match from the State and it's similar to the bridges in the town that have been replaced in the past.

Carmen Gangi – The \$444,000 that the State reimburses us – will that go back to the general fund? Answer was yes.

Dick Georgantas – Will the town do the repairs themselves?

P. D'Avanza – That hasn't been determined yet.

D. Georgantas – Where did the figure come from?

P. D'Avanza – I believe from the State and an engineering company they had look at the bridge.

Pat Tucker – I thought the town was going to bid on this project. Am I wrong?

P. D'Avanza – That hasn't been determined yet. There may be portions of the work the town may be able to do – it also depends on the workload they have at the time.

P. Tucker – They saved us a lot of money by doing it before.

P. D'Avanza – True, but if we put all of our town resources on the bridge, something else may suffer.

D. Georgantas – If we don't know who's doing it, you don't know the cost. You may get bids of less money – then what happens to the excess money?

P. D'Avanza – These figures have been given to us by the State. Anything saved will be saved. But whatever we don't expend – we'll get less money from the State because it's an 80-20 split. This money cannot be used for anything else.

D. Georgantas – I want to make sure we're getting the biggest bang for the buck.

P. D'Avanza – Anything we do here has to be approved by the State.

Peter Georgantas, Budget Committee member – The Budget Committee supports this project – it's part of the infrastructure of the town. If anything happened to the Main Street bridge that's our other access across the river. This is a special article – whatever it costs the State will pay 80% and as a special article that money can only be spent on the bridge.

C. Gangi – So the money the State reimburses us goes back into the general fund. Does that mean that's that much less we'll have to ask from the taxpayers next year?

P. D'Avanza – If it's reimbursed before next year it'll affect next year's taxes. We are not getting a check from the State for \$444,000. Only if we spend \$555,000. They match 80% of the project. If we only expend \$80,000 then they won't give us \$444,000. If we spend \$100,000 for an engineer or contractor and submit a copy of that paid invoice to the State they'll give us \$80,000 back.

Dick Georgantas – Just a comment to the Selectmen – I hope you consider putting this out to bid because when we did the Henry Bridge job I thought there were enough contractors out there and they could do the job as cheaply or cheaper than we can and we need other things addressed like sweeping up around the highways and around the bridge downtown.

The previous question was moved, seconded and the motion passed.

The moderator directed the Town Clerk to put Article 15 on the ballot as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 16

Assistant Moderator Gossett McRae stepped down from his position because as chairman of the Planning Board he has an interest in this article.

Moderator Stark read the article – Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate \$35,000 as requested by the Planning Board for studying telecommunication facilities including towers and antennas?

Both Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

Selectman Boyle moved the article to the floor, seconded by B. Griffin. Sel. Boyle asked Gossett McRae to speak to the article.

G. McRae, Planning Board Chairman – The issue we have here is that the hot topic now is telecommunications. The Planning Board is experiencing a lot of activity in new antenna tower site plan requests, as is the ZBA. These are cellular and PCS telecommunications facilities. To complicate things, the Federal Communications Commission has pre-empted local control in this area and they've changed the appeal process under which we have to operate. There are many factors to determine the suitability of an antenna site and they're very technical. We need some of this information for the town in handling this type of application. That's why we're asking for this \$35,000 article.

I think the key issue is aesthetics in this community in which we all live. If you look at the overall budget, the \$35,000 isn't really a big ticket item.

Mr. McRae gave a short history of planning board studies. During his tenure they've had nearly \$100,000 for studies – corridor studies, master plan, etc. He said these studies give us important information we need in order to collect offsite improvement fees. With this information so far, we've collected \$1,323,000 plus in fees. Last year we rebuilt the Pinard Square intersection with some of this money – we used over \$75,000 as 20% of a CMAC grant. Also the light control there needed repair and we paid for that. We also paid \$19,368 for engineering work on the improvements.

He said he wants to show that the Planning Board is a good custodian of the town's money and is trying to get a good return. He asked that we act favorably on this article.

Bill Tucker – I'd like to say if the study is done, I hope you do a better job than you have in the Pinardville intersection. It's a disaster, coming from Cumberland Farms to Kelly Street.

When a developer wants to build something in town the developer has to put the money into any studies to do with that application. I think the people who want to put in towers should pay for it and I would like to move that the number be reduced to \$1.

Moderator – Please offer that in writing.

Mr. Tucker brought the written amendment to the Moderator.

Moderator – I have a motion to amend Article 16 which would change the appropriation amount from \$35,000 to \$1.

Carmen Gangi seconded the motion.

G. McRae – We require a developer to fund studies – the individual studies they fund cost them money. But without the basis to put the study into, we can't assess an impact fee. If we didn't have the corridor study done we would not have been able to collect the money from the developers because we wouldn't have had any basis for comparisons. Yes, developers are required to do some studies, these developers are too. And we need to have this study done and put into our 'master study' if you will to assess its impact on the town. I urge you to defeat this amendment.

Jay Gagne – I ask you to defeat this amendment and pass the original article as written. Since last June, our community in my neighborhood has been attending every Zoning Board and some Planning Board meetings because an application has been submitted for the placement of what was originally a 130 foot tower off of Normand Road on Yacum Hill by US Cellular. What we found was that there's a tremendous lack of information for the people on those boards to make decisions concerning those applications. There were some meetings where a study came into discussion that would be a requirement of applicants to fund that study. But those applications as originally submitted were withdrawn so there are no applicants left to fund the study. Now a revised application has been submitted and the 130 foot tower is now a 65 foot pole. As of last night's ZBA meeting, it was tabled to the next meeting because there are some consultants now being chosen to study their application and materials. It's my neighborhood today, it may be yours tomorrow. Regardless of what happens in my neighborhood, the people who sit on those boards need some information on which to base their decisions.

Some of you may have read in the newspapers where the town of Derry contracted with Omnipoint to put up a tower and one morning the neighbors looked out and there it was. They had not been apprised of the tower and now the town is trying to get Omnipoint to take it down. We want the people of Goffstown to be able to make good decisions. The \$35,000 or whatever it might be could be used and you could assess some sort of fee to

pay for that study over the long run. I don't think reducing this to \$1 is wise, and I ask you to defeat this amendment and pass the article for \$35,000.

Larry Emerton – About six months ago, we were forced in this state to accept the FCC Deregulation Act. At that time there were many people up in Concord – now you know you have to pay 35¢ for a telephone call. Now we have to site somewhere – we can't refuse them. Amherst is being sued presently because they refused to allow a tower there. The YMCA-Allard Center was recently asked about putting a tower there. This will help us to protect the town – it will give us an idea where to put these towers. I support the article.

Bill Tucker – I think it's very possible to make the applicant who wants to put a tower up come into town and pay for the study. You don't need a study in advance and if you do a study and pay for it and say you can put towers here they will put towers there and you can't make them pay for a study. And I can't see anything in this ordinance where there's a fee.

Dick Georgantas – I'm a member of the Planning Board. If somebody comes in and says I'd like to put up a tower.. this is a very important tool for us. I hate spending money, but when these people come in they're much better prepared than we are because they know what they're talking about. They say they have to put a tower here. We need this study to say we've already done our homework and we happen to know your tower will work where we recommend you put it. I urge you to defeat the amendment.

Tony Marts – We have seen at least five telecommunications applications so far and we'll be seeing more. It's important to understand that the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 has changed the standards for the Planning Board and the ZBA to deal with these applications. Normally, there's a standard of reasonableness and in the Telecommunications Act the town has to have substantial evidence in a written record or we cannot deny. And the appeal goes to federal court and in some cases directly to the Federal Communications Commission in Washington and they can overturn us. So I ask everyone to defeat this amendment and leave the article as written.

A motion was made to end debate on the article and seconded. Motion passed.

Vote on the amendment to reduce the appropriation to \$1 – one aye, rest no. Amendment was defeated.

On the main article:

C. Gangi – I'd like to point out to the Zoning Board that in the Jan. 29 issue of the Weirs Beach Times there's an article written by a state representative and speaks about these towers. Also there's an attorney in Exeter who's familiar with them.

G. McRae said they've already heard the attorney speak.

Ellen Dang – I would like people to vote for this because I'm from Yacum Hill area and we have been fighting the ZBA for the past nine months. It has become very evident we need a study like this. In Massachusetts towns

they say you can put towers here and that's it. It makes it easier for the telecommunication companies and by having the study done it will help us do this. Durham did a study and that's how much they spent for their study – \$35,000.

P. Georgantas moved to end the debate; seconded by B. Tucker – passed.
Vote on main article – motion passed.

Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Article 16 on the ballot as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 17

Moderator read the article – Shall the Town of Goffstown approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the International Association of Firefighters Local 3420, representing the employees in the bargaining unit in the Fire Department running through Dec. 31, 2000 and shall the Town raise and appropriate \$11,215 for the additional cost of the contract in 1998? The additional costs for 1999 over the costs in 1998 will be \$16,923. The additional costs for 2000 over the costs in 1999 shall be \$17,054. This contract is based on an annual cost of living increase of 2%.

Selectman Henry Boyle moved the article to the floor, seconded by P. D'Avanza.

Selectman Boyle pointed out that this article has been recommended by both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

H. Boyle – This is a three-year contract. The Selectmen and negotiators for the union worked long and hard to get this ready in time for this meeting. They met almost up to Christmas. I'm asking for your support for this article.

There were no speakers for or against the article.

P. Georgantas moved to end debate, seconded by P. Lawrance. Motion passed.

Moderator directed the Town Clerk to place Article 17 on the ballot as printed in this warrant.

ARTICLE 18

Moderator read article – Shall the Town of Goffstown approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local 371 representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Police Department running through Dec. 31, 2000 and shall the Town raise and appropriate \$11,546 for the additional cost of the contract in 1998? The additional costs for 1999 over the cost in 1998 will be \$22,531. The additional costs for 2000 over the costs in 1999 will be \$22,539. This contract is based on an annual cost of living increase of 2%.

Selectman Phil D'Avanza moved the article to the floor, seconded by H. Boyle.

P. D'Avanza – This is also a three-year contract and has also been recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee. Both boards feel the contract is equitable to both the Police Department and the Town. We feel it's fair and ask your support.

There were no speakers for or against this article.

P. Georgantas moved to end debate, seconded by J. Stafford. Motion passed.

Moderator directed the Town Clerk to place Article 18 on ballot as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 19

Moderator read article – Shall the Town of Goffstown approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Department of Public Works running through Dec. 31, 2000 and shall the Town raise and appropriate \$24,009 for the additional cost of the contract in 1998. The additional cost for 1999 over the cost in 1998 will be \$18,715. The additional costs for 2000 over the costs in 1999 will be \$18,668. This contract is based on an annual cost of living of 2%.

Selectman Barbara Griffin moved the article to the floor, seconded by P. D'Avanza.

B. Griffin – Briefly, this is also a three-year contract. This is for the employees of the Public Works Department. Both the Selectmen and the Budget Committee have recommended it. It provides for a cost of living of 2% and has merit steps included in it. This is new to the Public Works Department – the Selectmen heard the request of the Budget Committee.

There were no speakers for or against this article.

John Stafford moved to end debate, second by P. Lawrance. Motion passed.

Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to place Article 19 on the ballot as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 20

Moderator explained there are three articles included in this – issues which the Selectmen have elected to present to the meeting for discussion. Would like to begin discussion on the budget article by addressing Article 20A first.

Moderator read the article – Shall the Town of Goffstown vote to raise and appropriate \$21,465 for the purpose of continuing the pilot program for youth and family services through a subcontract with the YMCA? The Selectmen and the Budget Committee both recommend this article.

Moderator – These parts A, B, and C are included in the main budget article. These are separate articles rather than special articles and are being brought before the meeting for purposes of discussion.

Michael Ryan – This first got on the warrant a couple of years ago – there's a handout as you came in tonight, prepared by Jon Murray, the person in the position. He has done a great job in seeing kids and families this year in trouble and in being able to use the Y's resources to help them. He dealt with 151 families from all over Goffstown, as young as 7 or 8 and up to 20. He gets his referrals from the schools, from the police and from Goffstown District Court. I do a lot of work with the court and I know Jon is an excellent resource and I know Judge Lawrence of the court recommends that this program be continued. A lot of us would like to see this as a regular part of the budget. He works only part-time but does a great job with the time he has. I ask that this article be approved and that on March 10 it be approved also. The Y is also putting in money and other resources.

Bob Dunn – I would like to speak in favor of this article. I think if you look at the number of people helped we're getting a lot of service. If he can prevent the incarceration of only one juvenile, we've saved money. I request that you look at this article favorably.

Moderator – All three of these articles have been recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee, as well as the main budget article.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to end debate on this article.

Moderator read Article 20B – Shall the Town of Goffstown vote to raise and appropriate \$113,000 for the purpose of constructing an addition to the existing Parks and Recreation Facility?

Selectman Bruce Hunter moved the article to the floor, seconded by H. Boyle.

B. Hunter – I would like to recommend this article – Parks & Recreation is badly in need of more space. (He turned the floor over to Parks and Recreation member Paul Smith.)

P. Smith – I'm the vice-chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission. I'd like to talk about a positive project for the town. We'd like to double the Parks & Recreation facility – it's a 40' x 40' building. We haven't done any work on it since it was built in 1963. We'll put in a new heating system which I understand will save us money – there's very poor insulation in that building. We're proposing to do plumbing, electrical and insulation work – heating system and doubling the size of the building. As you visualize, this addition will be going on the back side of the building, 40' x 40'. We'll take the existing facility and where we now have open gym there will be general meeting rooms – conference rooms. I think we need those rooms for the various committees in town to use as they see fit. We will repair the bathrooms and also make the building accessible. We've had a lot of people interested in supporting this – we've had contact with the Air Force base and others. We would like to have it open for the Goffstown Gallop in late June. If that doesn't happen, it should be by fall. We intend to use local contractors as much as possible.

Jay Gagne – If local people volunteer to help you, what's the issue with town liability if anyone gets hurt?

P. Smith – That's an issue we'll have pinned down before we get anyone involved. The type of building we're putting together is a standard military type of building and we're looking to the Seabees to supervise and will have people help them under their direction.

Tom Stratton – You mentioned insulation problems in the original part of the building. Do you have any plans to address that?

P. Smith – Yes, the existing building will be refurbished – putting in new ceiling tiles, insulation, windows. With the increased square footage, Public Service of New Hampshire has told us we will be able to do it for less than what we're paying for the heat now.

T. Stratton – Will these A, B and C be separate on the ballot? Or are we just talking about them so people here can amend them if they want?

Moderator – These items are included in the main budget. They will not be on the ballot separately. The Selectmen felt they were worthy of separate discussion. Under the Municipal Budget Act appropriation amounts can be amended up or down at this session and an amendment passed to eliminate it, it would be eliminated from the budget amount. But under the Municipal Budget Act the Selectmen have the power to transfer money. I think if they transferred money once these were eliminated it would be bad politics on their part.

T. Stratton – So if this was amended it would change the main budget figure?

Moderator – That's correct.

Pat Tucker – I'd like Paul to tell us how they've been able to get by with so little for so long.

(P. Smith deferred to Dave French, Parks & Recreation Director)

D. French – With a lot of work and a lot of scheduling. The building is used constantly – it's used on weekends – it's used a lot. We can only have one group in there at a time. The demand is there – our biggest problem is we've run out of room for a lot of our programs. We can fill that building almost every night of the week.

S. Monier – I'd like to say I hope everyone supports this project. This is long overdue. The Parks and Recreation Commission and the employees and Dave French do a great job. I used to go there when I was a teenager and it was in tough shape then. It will be a great asset to the community and real credit to the community – let's get it done. Dave, if you get this done, can you take that dirty sneaker off your desk? (Dave's answer was no!)

Jane Exner – I'd like to commend the Parks & Recreation Commission for acknowledging the need to improve the facility and I hope it goes through.

P. Georgantas moved to end debate, seconded by J. Strafford. Motion passed.

Moderator read Article 20C – Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate \$42,000 for the purchase and installation of a scale at the Transfer Station?

Selectman Barbara Griffin moved the article to the floor, seconded by H. Boyle.

B. Griffin – This is for a scale at the Transfer Station. The Selectmen decided on this after hearing from the Director of Public Works that the trash and type of trash at the station has increased over 40% from the prior year and almost 100% from four years ago. Because material at the Transfer Station is expensive – it's almost \$400,000 of your budget, it indicated there's a problem. The economy is good and people are doing work on their homes but there are other factors. The portion of our waste stream that's increasing is OBW – Oversized Bulk Waste. Wallboard, roof shingles, demolition debris and construction materials that would not normally go in with the household trash. Before making any decisions the Selectmen tried to determine the cause. Building permits are not increasing – but our increase began almost exactly with the month that Manchester started to charge for all refuse at its transfer station. It's located within ten minutes of our facility. They had to close their landfill and had problems with the original rules they instituted and as a result started to charge 5¢ a pound for everything brought to their transfer station. That's when we started to notice the increase. We asked around the surrounding towns and other communities also noticed an increase then, although not nearly so great as ours. We felt maybe because of the proximity, but also because of the way we operate that station. Contractors with commercial waste do have to pay – they purchase tickets at the Town Clerk's office – but our ability to distinguish what was commercial and what was household waste became very difficult. So the Selectmen tried to make that distinction in a way to be fair. We're already charging for this kind of demolition waste, but on a volume basis. You buy a coupon and say you're going to fill your pickup halfway. The amount of refuse is a subject of discussion. That's not how you pay to get rid of your refuse. You pay on a per-pound basis. We're charging on volume and paying by pounds. After talking with other communities we decided the best way to deal with this was to purchase a scale. It not only lets us know how much comes in, but how much we ship out.

Currently, we're billed at the facility we use on a tonnage basis. We have no way of checking that – none. We have been told by people who sell these machines that we can expect a 6% decrease at once because we have a way of checking. We proposed 5¢ a pound, not for the stuff in the green bin or those who bring stuff down you've forgotten, but if demolition stuff is brought in they'll be charged 5¢ a pound for it. We felt that was the fairest way for the community to pare an expense that seems to be exploding. We feel that the purchase of the scale will in fact create revenue for the town and I believe that's the point the Budget Committee looked at when they chose to recommend. Also, now when we buy salt and sand we can verify we're being charged for the correct amount. There will be no charge for your usual household waste, but destruction and demolition debris will be charged 5¢ a pound.

Carmen Gangi – You mentioned the problem we're having with contractors. Isn't there some way of better controlling license plates or names on the sides of the trucks instead of charging everybody? Isn't there some way we could better regulate the contractors coming in, just charge them?

B. Griffin – The problem is we can't always tell when it's a contractor. We can't tell whether something is coming from their yard or a job – just because there's a sign on the truck doesn't mean it's commercial and no sign doesn't make it residential. We don't want to put our employees into a situation where there's possibility for a disagreement as to where the trash came from. In other towns where those situations have risen, police have been called and we don't feel that's necessary.

C. Hieber – I'm in the process of tearing down a rather large building. I supported this before I owned that barn and I continue to support it. I think it's the most fair and equitable way. When will this be implemented?

B. Griffin – We're hoping to have this in place by June 1 – we have already met with some vendors. There will be public hearings and more information on it.

Dick Georgantas – What happens to the revenue?

B. Griffin – Revenues, as with all revenue that comes in for all fees will go to the exact same place that revenue of the current coupon system goes – into the general fund.

Motion was moved to end debate, seconded and passed.

ARTICLE 20

Main article – Moderator read the article – Shall the Town of Goffstown vote to raise and appropriate for the operation, expenses and commitments of the town government the budget approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee in the amount of ten million, six hundred fifty-eight thousand, six hundred sixty-five dollars (\$10,658,665)? Special articles 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 are not included.

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of six million one hundred eighty-six thousand, nine hundred eleven dollars (\$6,186,911).

The sewer enterprise fund of one million, five hundred sixty-seven thousand, six hundred sixty-five dollars (\$1,567,665) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article.

Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$10,624,731, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town, or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Selectman Phil D'Avanza moved the article to the floor, seconded by H. Boyle.

Nobody wished to speak for or against the article.

P. Georgantas moved to end debate, seconded by P. Tucker – passed.

The moderator directed the Town Clerk to put Article 20 on the ballot as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 21

Moderator read article – Shall the Town of Goffstown hear the reports of Town Officers, Auditors and Committees and pass any vote relating thereto? (This is not a ballot article.)

There were no reports to be heard.

ARTICLE 22

Moderator read the article – To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting. (This is not a ballot article.)

There was no other business to come before the meeting.

Moderator said that Phil D'Avanza, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, asked the moderator to announce that the town reports are not available.

This year, being an amendment in the legislature moved this first session up, they couldn't be done in time.

Remember, you will be voting on these articles at the polls on March 10 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Boyle
Town Scribe

ATTEST: A True Copy
Marlene M. Gamans
Town Clerk



L-R: Catherine Willmott (p/t clerk), Marlene Gamans (Town Clerk), and Felice Dandurand (Deputy Town Clerk)

STATE GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS (11/3/98)

For Governor

Vote for not more than ONE.

JAY LUCAS	1570
REPUBLICAN	
JEANNE SHAHEEN	2580
DEMOCRATIC	
"KEN" BLEVENS	129
LIBERTARIAN	

For United States Senator

Vote for not more than ONE:

JUDD GREGG	3116
REPUBLICAN	
GEORGE CONDODEMETRKY	991
DEMOCRATIC	
BRIAN CHRISTESON	102
LIBERTARIAN	
ROY KENDEL	60
INDEPENDENT AMERICAN	

For Representative in Congress

Vote for not more than ONE:

JOHN E. SUNUNU	3064
REPUBLICAN	
PETER FLOOD	1208
DEMOCRATIC	

For Executive Councilor

Vote for no more than ONE:

BERNARD A. STREETER, JR.	2587
REPUBLICAN	
RAMSAY McLAUGHLIN	1501
DEMOCRATIC	

For State Senator

Vote for no more than ONE:

TIMOTHY S. REINIGER	2249
REPUBLICAN	
LOU D'ALLESANDRO	1985
DEMOCRATIC	

For State Representatives

Vote for not more than FIVE (5):

"LARRY" EMERTON	2636
REPUBLICAN	
RICHARD E. FLETCHER	2259
REPUBLICAN	
RANDOLPH "RIP" HOLDEN	2186*
REPUBLICAN	
BRUCE F. HUNTER	2297
REPUBLICAN	
KAREN K. McRAE	2401
REPUBLICAN	
BARBARA J. GRIFFIN	2117
DEMOCRATIC	

JOHN C. SARETTE

DEMOCRATIC

2188*

For Sheriff

Vote for not more than ONE:

WALTER A. MORSE	3758
REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC	

For County Attorney

Vote for not more than ONE:

PETER McDONOUGH	3760
DEMOCRATIC & REPUBLICAN	

For County Treasurer

Vote for not more than ONE:

CHERYL A. BURNS	2461
REPUBLICAN	
RAYMOND BUCKLEY	1527
DEMOCRATIC	

For Register of Deeds

Vote for not more than ONE:

JUDITH A. MacDONALD	2652
REPUBLICAN	
PAUL J. DWYER, SR.	1363
DEMOCRATIC	

For Register of Probate

Vote for not more than ONE:

ROBERT R. RIVARD	3727
REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC	

For County Commissioner

Vote for not more than ONE:

CAROL H. HOLDEN	2316
REPUBLICAN	
ROBERT L. CUNNINGHAM	1632
DEMOCRATIC	

"Are you in favor of amending the constitution to provide that the minimum age requirement for state senator shall be changed from 30 to 25 years of age?" (This question is submitted to the voters by the 1997 Legislature on votes of 323 to 29 in the House of Representatives and 15 to 6 in the Senate. CACR 22)

YES – 1525	NO – 2446
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"Are you in favor of amending the constitution to make it more inclusive by changing specific references to the governor and other people to gender neutral terms?" (This question is submitted to the voters by the 1997 Legislature on votes of 303 to 26 in the House of Representatives and 24 to 0 in the Senate. CACR 18)

YES – 2125	NO – 1731
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*These are the results of a recount vote.
The voter turnout was 41.59%.

GOFFSTOWN TOWN MEETING ELECTION RESULTS (3/10/98)

SELECTMEN

For 3 Years	Vote for TWO
HENRY C. BOYLE	1541
PETER GEORGANTAS	1391
BARBARA GRIFFIN	1701

MODERATOR

For 2 Years	Vote for ONE
RODNEY L. STARK	2182

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years	Vote for FOUR
JOHN S. DAVIS	1500
GEORGE FULLERTON	1348
TIMOTHY J. HANSON	1371
THOMAS W. HOWEY	1054
PETER JENNINGS	1436
WILLIAM C. TUCKER	1402

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years	Vote for ONE
EZRA P. BECK	990
TIMOTHY P. KENNEY	1337

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years	Vote for TWO
CAROLYN BENTHIEN	1651
ALBERT PACKARD	1244
KENNETH ROSE	1265

PLANNING BOARD

For 3 Years	Vote for TWO
GOSSETT W. McRAE	1456
JAMES RAYMOND	1522
PAUL C. SCANNELL	1234

PLANNING BOARD

For 1 Year	Vote for ONE
COLLIS ADAMS	981
MILES J. PHILLIPS	1048

SEWER COMMISSION

For 3 Years	Vote for ONE
PETER HENK	2187

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

For 6 Years	Vote for ONE
HELEN M. SKOGLUND	2231

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

For 3 Years	Vote for ONE
STEVEN N. MURPHY	2092

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 1 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

Shall the Town vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of Map 21 Lot 97 from Residential 2 (R-2) District to Residential Small Office and Business District (RSBOD). The property address is 489 Mast Road. Located at the northeast corner of Mast Road and Lynchville Park Road.

(Submitted by Petition)

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES - 1525 NO - 992

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 2 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

Shall the Town vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of Map 4 Lot 20 from Conservancy (CO)/Residential 1 (R-1) to Residential 1 (R-1). This 50 acre lot is located on Lesnyk Road between Mountain Road and Leach Hill Road.

(Submitted by Petition)

(Not Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES - 570 NO - 1926

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 3 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

Shall the Town vote to amend the zoning ordinance by amending Article V, Section C3k by

deleting the Wireless Communication ordinance, as special exception, from the Agricultural District (Article V, section C3k) and the Conservancy District (Article V, Section D3e).

(Submitted by Petition)

(Not Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES – 474

NO – 1957

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 4 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

Shall the Town vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of Map 30 Lot 47 from Residential 1 (R-1) District to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD). The property address is 101 Mast Road.

(Submitted by Petition)

(Not Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES – 782

NO – 1675

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 5 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

Shall the Town vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of Map 30 Lot 46-A from Residential 1 (R-1) District to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD). This lot is located at 95 South Mast Street, Sue's Barber Shop and Salon. This lot abuts a residential small business and office district.

(Submitted by Petition)

(Not Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES – 977

NO – 1472

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III, Section B, by deleting definition 86 (Wireless Communications Facility) and

renumbering thereafter. Amend Article V, Section C3k by deleting the section in its entirety, including the Performance Standard in Appendix A. Amend Article V, Section D3e by deleting the section in its entirety. Amend Article V, Section E3g by deleting the section in its entirety. Amend Article V, Section F3g by deleting the section in its entirety. Amend Article V, Section B3d, by deleting "...or communications facility". Amend Article V, Section D3c, by deleting "...services transmission and reception towers" and replacing it "Public Utility and Utility Substations" and delete Article V, Section D3c, subsections "(5), (6), (8), (9)...tower and". Amend Article V, Section F3e by deleting "...services transmission and reception towers" and replacing it "Public Utility and Utility Substations", deleting Article V, Section F3e, subsections "(5), (6), (8), (9)...tower and" and deleting Article V, Section F3f. Amend Article V, by adding a new Article VII and re-numbering thereafter - Telecommunications Facility Ordinance.

The purpose of this zoning amendment is to delete the current Wireless Communications Ordinance and all references to it in the various zoning districts, delete all references to communication towers in general in the various zoning districts, and to adopt a new Telecommunication Facility Ordinance that will regulate the installations of all Telecommunication Facilities within the Town of Goffstown in accordance with the Telecommunication Act of 1996.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES – 1891

NO – 541

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section F2e(9) (Portable signs) by deleting the section in its entirety.

The purpose of this zoning amendment is to permit the use of portable signs on a temporary basis instead of as part of the permanent sign size allowance.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES – 1834

NO – 625

ARTICLE 9

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section C3b by deleting it in its entirety and inserting in its place "b. Restoration - Any nonconforming structure that has been damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty may be repaired or replaced provided the repaired or replaced structure is, to all intent and purposes, in the same location and as closely as practicable the same as the nonconforming structure that is being repaired or replaced. This right shall expire one (1) year after the damage has occurred and any structure constructed thereafter must conform with the provisions of this ordinance."

The purpose of this zoning amendment is to allow non-conforming structures damaged by fire or other casualty to be re-built within the same footprint.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES – 2150

NO – 356

ARTICLE 10

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VII (or Article VIII, if Article 7 passes), Section 1a (Membership) by adding the following after "...shall consist of five members..." the phrase "...and five alternate members..."

The purpose of this zoning amendment is to increase the alternate membership of the Zoning Board of Adjustment from three (3) members to five (5) members.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES – 1931

NO – 553

ARTICLE 11

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, Section G (Residential Small Business and Office District), by deleting the section as currently written and re-adopting Article V, Section G (Residential Small Business and Office District) under R.S.A. 674:21 (Innovative Land Use Controls) and 674:16 (Grant of Power).

The purpose of this zoning amendment is to give the Planning Board the authority to grant Conditional Use Permits and the flexibility to guide the development of this district in accordance with the goals of the master plan.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES – 1763

NO – 687

ARTICLE 12

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Shall the Town amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of the following lots from Residential 2 (R-2) to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD):

Map 16, Lots 38, 59, 60, 62, 149, 150, 151 and 172

Map 17, Lots 65, 66 and 80

Map 18, Lot 47

Map 20, Lots 3A, 8A, 9, 17, 18, 19 and 20

Map 21, Lots 1, 11, 12, 14, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 97, 98, 99, 101, 105, 107, 108, 109, 110 and 111

The purpose of this article includes placing additional lots in the RSBOD district that are consistent with adjacent uses on Mast Road from the Manchester line to the Route 114 Intersection.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES – 1692

NO – 771

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$818,300.00) for the purpose of financing the municipal wastewater line expansion into the area known as Moose Club Park (Moose Club Park Road, Shore Drive, Channel Lane), to authorize the purchase of such land as is required to carry out this purpose, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$818,300.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the maturity and the other terms and provisions thereof, as may be in the best interests of the Town. It is the intent of the Goffstown Sewer Commission to repay this bond issuance through a combination of a State Grant, existing fund balance, sewer user fees and by charging a \$5,000 accessibility fee to each property that will be connecting to this lateral. (2/3 ballot vote required)

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation since it contains no anticipated increase in fees or taxes.) (The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.)

YES – 2640

NO – 507

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$200,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1997 under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the closure of the landfill.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation) (The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

YES – 2008

NO – 424

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$555,000 for rebuilding the bridge over the Piscataquog River on Parker Road. \$444,000 of this appropriation will be reimbursed to the Town by the State.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation) (The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

YES – 1975

NO – 464

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate \$35,000 as requested by the Planning Board for studying telecommunication facilities including towers and antennas.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

YES – 1525

NO – 904

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the International Association of Fire-Fighters Local 3420 representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Fire Department running through December 31, 2000 and shall the Town raise and appropriate \$11,215 for the additional cost of the contract in 1998. The additional costs for 1999 over the costs in 1998 will be \$16,923. The additional costs for 2000 over the costs in 1999 will be \$17,054. This contract is based on an annual Cost of Living increase of 2%.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

YES – 1774

NO – 627

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local No. 371 representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Police Department running through December 31, 2000 and shall the Town raise and appropriate \$11,546 for the additional cost of the contract in 1998. The additional costs for 1999 over the costs in 1998 will be \$22,531. The additional costs for 2000 over the costs in 1999 will

be \$22,539. This contract is based on an annual Cost of Living increase of 2%.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

YES – 1692

NO – 719

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Department of Public Works running through December 31, 2000 and shall the Town raise and appropriate \$24,009 for the additional cost of the contract in 1998. The additional costs for 1999 over the costs in 1998 will be \$18,715. The additional costs for 2000 over the costs in 1999 will be \$18,668. This contract is based on an annual Cost of Living increase of 2%.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

YES – 1623

NO – 783

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totalling \$10,658,665? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$10,624,731, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

YES – 1783

NO – 646



Town Hall, Finance & Administration Offices – L-R: Gail Lavallee, Sue Desruisseaux, John Scruton, Maureen McLean, Donna Bergeron, Linda Moody, Jean Mayberry. Missing: Marc Tessier.

1999 WARRANT FOR TOWN BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING

FEBRUARY 3, 1999

To the inhabitants of the Town of Goffstown in the county of Hillsborough qualified to vote in Town affairs, and to the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Goffstown, qualified to vote in School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet on the third day of February, 1999 at seven o'clock in the evening at the Goffstown High School in said Town for the first portion of Town Meeting, also known as the deliberative session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on March 9, 1999.

You are further notified to meet March 9, 1999 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 9, 1999 at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. at the Central polling district at the Goffstown High School and will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School.

ARTICLE 1

To choose all Town Officers, trustees, commissioners, and School District Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 1 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 5 Lot 59 from Agricultural (AG) District to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD).**

The property address is 48 Mast Road. Located next to the Villa Augustina's little league baseball fields.

(Submitted by Petition) (Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 2 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 7 Lot 111A-2 from Residential 1(R-1) to Agricultural (AG).**

This lot is located at the end of Maple Avenue.

(Submitted by Petition) (Not recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 3 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning ordinance by amending **Article V, Section C, 4.A-1, f, minimum lot frontage for 1- family dwellings** 2,3,4,5 acres 200'; 6,7,8,9, acres 150'; 10,11,12 acres 100'; 13+ acres 50'. All other requirements remain the same.

(Submitted by Petition) (Not recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 5 Lot 38-1** from a split zone of Residential I/Agricultural to Residential I.

The parcel is located on Juniper Drive and Center Street.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board of Goffstown:

Amend Article IV, Section O "**Floodplain Ordinance**" by adding the following:

a. **This ordinance, adopted pursuant to the authority of R.S.A. 674:16, shall be known as the Town of Goffstown Floodplain Development Ordinance; and**

b. **Item IX Variances and Appeals:**

- i) The Zoning Board of Adjustment shall notify the applicant in writing that: (I) the issuance of a variance to construct below the base flood level will result in increase premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25 for \$100 of insurance coverage and (ii) such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property. Such notification shall be maintained with a record of all variances. The National Flood Insurance Program recommends that these amendments be added to the current floodplain ordinance.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board of Goffstown:

Amend Article VI, "**Open Space Development Ordinance**" by deleting all references to "**Soil Base Lot Sizing Regulations**" and inserting "**Site Specific Soil Mapping Standards**" where applicable. The Soil Based Lot Sizing Standards are being phased out by the National Cooperative Soil Survey in favor of the new Site Specific Soil Mapping Standards.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board of Goffstown:

Amend Article V, Section F, by inserting a new “**Village Commercial District**” section and re-numbering thereafter. Lots proposed to be re-zoned from either Residential 1, Residential 1/Commercial or Commercial Districts to the proposed Village Commercial District are as follows:

<u>Map</u>	<u>Lot(s)</u>	<u>Map</u>	<u>Lot(s)</u>	<u>Map</u>	<u>Lot(s)</u>	<u>Map</u>	<u>Lot(s)</u>
34	63	34	89	34	127	34	154
34	64	34	90	34	128	34	156
34	65	34	91	34	129	34	157
34	66	34	92	34	138	34	158
34	67	34	93	34	138-1	34	159
34	68	34	97	34	139	34	160
34	69	34	98	34	140	34	161
34	70	34	99	34	141	34	162
34	78	34	100	34	142	34	164
34	78B	34	101	34	143	34	164A
34	79	34	102	34	144	34	165
34	80	34	103	34	145	34	166
34	81	34	105	34	146	34	167
34	82	34	106	34	147	34	168
34	82A	34	107	34	149	34	169
34	83	34	108	34	149-1	34	170
34	84	34	109	34	150	34	171
34	86	34	110	34	151	34	172
34	87	34	125	34	152	34	173
34	88	34	126	34	153	38	78-1
38	1	38	104	38	23	38	101
38	2	38	8	38	24	38	102
38	3	38	9	38	36	38	103
38	4	38	10	38	76	38	103A
38	5	38	11	38	77	38	7
38	6	38	12	38	78	38	13

The Village Commercial District (VCD) is established to allow for the development of the Village section of Goffstown with a harmonious mix of commercial, residential, civic and recreational uses with an emphasis on the promotion of pedestrian movement and the preservation of historic structures. The intent of this ordinance is to adopt reasonable standards that will preserve the Village area as a focal point for the personal, business, religious and civic needs of the community while at the same time allowing the area to accommodate growth at a scale and intensity consistent with a village setting.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1997 under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the closure of the landfill.

(This appropriation is in addition to that in Article 12.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the purpose of funding the nonprofit group Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. upon the conditions that the group be accepted into the NH Main Street Program and the group raises \$30,000 in donations for 1999. This is the first year of a three-year program.

(This appropriation is in addition to that in Article 12.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town of Goffstown will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,677.56 for six months salary and benefits for a police officer, whose primary responsibility will be working with young people in the schools and community, to promote a safe and drug free environment. This appropriation, and the salary and benefits over three years, will be 99% reimbursed by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

(By Petition) (This appropriation is in addition to that in Article 12)

(The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this appropriation.)

(The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 12

12A. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$19,900 for the purpose of continuing the program for youth and family services through a subcontract with the YMCA.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.)

12B. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$240,000 for the purpose of constructing at the Transfer Station new salt storage facilities to hold about 800 ton of salt and beginning work upon a replacement for the Department of Public Works garage facility. The replacement facility will be about 100 by 125 feet for the garage and 30 feet by 40 feet for the offices. The total cost will be about \$507,000. The Selectmen will be requesting the additional funds next year to complete the facility.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$105,000.)

12C. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation, expenses, and commitments of the Town Government, the budget approved by the Board of Selectmen in the amount of eleven million ninety five thousand, six hundred seventy-five dollars (\$11,095,675). Separate Articles 12A and 12B are included in this amount. Special Articles 9, 10, and 11 are not included.

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of five million three hundred thirty nine dollars (\$5,000,339).

The sewer enterprise fund of one million six hundred forty eight thousand eight hundred forty four dollars (\$1,648,844) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this Article.

The motion on the operating budget shall be the following, with only the appropriation amount subject to amendment: "Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$11,095,675? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$10,834,839, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only."

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

(The Budget Committee recommends \$10,960,675.)

ARTICLE 13

To hear the reports of Town Officers, Auditors and Committees and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 14

To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our Hands and Seal this eighteenth day of January, 1999.

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Henry C. Boyle, Chairman

Barbara J. Griffin

Philip A. D'Avanza

Bruce F. Hunter

Robert L. Wheeler

Then personally appeared the above named Barbara Griffin, Philip D'Avanza, Robert Wheeler, Henry Boyle, and Bruce Hunter and under oath that the above certificate by them is true.

Marlene Gamans, Town Clerk

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER

Patrick J. Kelly

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

713 Chestnut Street

Manchester, New Hampshire 03104

669-6088

October 9, 1998

Board of Selectmen
Town of Goffstown
Goffstown, New Hampshire

As part of my examination of the financial statements of the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1997, I made a study and evaluation of the Town's system of internal control to the extent I considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards, the purpose of such evaluation is to establish a basis for reliance on the system of internal accounting control in determining the nature, timing, and extent of other auditing procedures that are necessary for the expression of an opinion on the financial statements, and to assist me in planning and performing my examination of the financial statements. It should be noted that this letter is intended to criticize only the system of internal accounting control, and is not directed at any individual or group of individuals.

My examination of the financial statements made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, including the study and evaluation of the Town's system of internal accounting controls for the year ended December 31, 1997, would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system because it was based upon selected tests of the accounting records and related data. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the Town's system of internal control taken as a whole. However, such study disclosed the following weaknesses, upon which I am presenting my comments and recommendations for your consideration.

Data Processing

The Town should take steps necessary to mitigate the impact of the Year 2000 problem on its operations. The Town should designate a specific individual to coordinate the Town's Year 2000 response and to supervise its implementation schedule. The Town should obtain certification from its software vendors, banks and fund custodians that they are compliant with Year 2000 standards and are capable of providing full safeguarding of assets, including cash, investments and tax and accounts receivable.

School Portion of Property Tax Assessments

In light of the uncertainty generated by the funding requirements determined by the New Hampshire Supreme Court, the Town should try to ascertain the impact of this decision on its cash flow and investment income. Taxpayers should be made aware that this decision affects only the school portion of the property tax rate and not the Town or County portion.

Property Tax Revenue

Generally accepted accounting principles require that property taxes not collected within sixty days of year end be reported as deferred income. The Town currently reports income as property taxes are assessed and collectable. The change in accounting policy would result in a deficit in the General Fund Balance when presented in the financial statements, but would have no effect when used by the State to determine the property tax rate.

The objective of internal accounting control is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance of the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a system of internal accounting control should not exceed the benefits derived and also recognizes that the evaluation of these factors necessarily requires estimates and judgments by management.

There are inherent limitations that should be recognized in considering the potential effectiveness of any system of internal accounting control. In the performance of most control procedures, there may be mistakes of judgment, carelessness, or other personal factors. Control procedures whose effectiveness depends upon segregation of duties can be circumvented by collusion. Similarly, control procedures can be circumvented intentionally by management either with respect to the execution and recording of transactions or with respect to the estimates and judgments required in the preparation of financial statements. Further, projection of any evaluation of internal accounting control to future periods is subject to the risk that the procedures may become inadequate due to changes in conditions, and the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Very truly yours,
Patrick J. Kelly, CPA

SELECTMEN'S RESPONSE TO AUDITOR

January 11, 1999

Patrick J. Kelly
713 Chestnut Street
Manchester, NH 03104

Dear Mr. Kelly:

We appreciate your thorough examination of our records and welcome your opinions for improvements. After receiving your comments and recommendations of our financial statements and internal accounting control systems for fiscal year 1997 which were received last week, we offer the following:

Data Processing

The Board has received and installed an upgrade to fix the year 2000 problem in the accounting software. A committee continues to work reviewing and upgrading hardware and software used by the Town to be certain they will function in the year 2000. The Town is seeking certifications from not only financial institutions, but also from manufacturers of equipment that have computer chips in them. The Town is working on a contingency plan for the year 2000 that addresses problems that might arise.

School Portion of Property Tax Assessments

The Board of Selectmen has reviewed the potential problems with various outcomes of the school funding issue. We will place this letter in the Town Report stating clearly that the local and county portion of the property tax has not been found to be unconstitutional and must be paid.

Property Tax Revenue

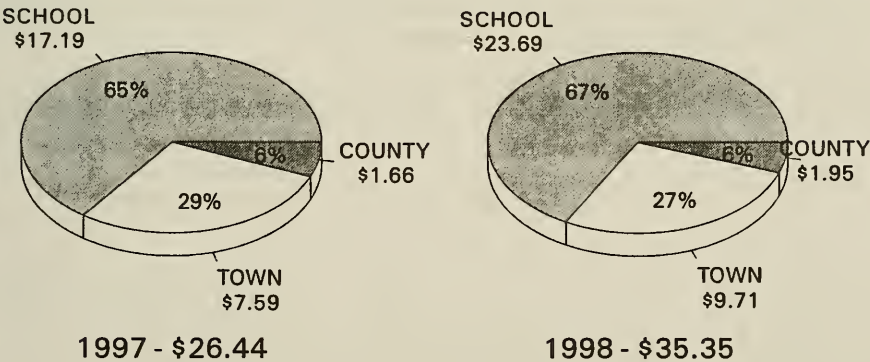
There is a disagreement between the national group which sets standards for accounting practices and the New Hampshire Department of Revenue on the way to account for unpaid taxes. The Town will continue to use a modified accrual practice as required by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration.

Conclusion

The Board will continue to be vigilant in its fiduciary responsibilities. The Board of Selectmen will continue to update and implement appropriate changes to insure better accounting principles.

Sincerely,
GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Henry C. Boyle, *Chairman*
Barbara J. Griffin, *Vice-Chairman*
Philip A. D'Avanza
Bruce F. Hunter
Robert L. Wheeler

GOFFSTOWN TAX RATE
1997 vs. 1998 (Revaluation in 1998)



TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

During 1998 the Trustees of the Trust Funds received the following gifts:

- a.) A gift of stock by Mrs. Elizabeth P. Merrill to the Heritage Fund
- b.) A monetary gift by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Georgantas to the Heritage Fund
- c.) A monetary gift by the Grasmere Village Water Precinct to the Heritage Fund
- d.) A monetary gift by Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Siik to the Kunitachi Scholarship Fund
- e.) A monetary gift by Mrs. Mary McNerney to the Heritage Fund

These gifts should not go unrecognized nor should the generosity of past benefactors of our Town. Their generousities have made our lives and those of future generations that much richer. The Trustees of the Trust Funds wish to thank this year's benefactors for their kindness and thoughtfulness.

During 1998 the State Street Bank and Trust Company of New Hampshire, N.A. continued to provide financial planning services, as Agents for the Trustees of the Trust Funds per an agreement dated April 30, 1992.

The Trustees believe that the agents at State Street Bank and Trust have positioned our current investment portfolio so that it will continue to generate a positive yield now and into the future.

The Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments of The Town of Goffstown, NH that follows, represents only a summary of the material that is available for review.

Respectfully submitted,
 Andrew J. Szerlog
 William J. Schubert
 Steve Murphy

Sheet1

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN					
Purpose of Fund	Date Established	Investment Type	Amount	Interest Rate	
Landfill closure	3/2/98	US Treasury Note	\$100,000	5.38%	
Landfill closure	2/26/98	CD New London Trust	\$100,000	5.63%	

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF GORFSTOWN, NH

12/31/1998

No of Shares/ Units	Description	Principal Accounts				Income Accounts					
		Beginning Balance	Add/ Delete	Purchases	Proceeds From Sales	Gains/ Losses	Balance Year End	Beginning Balance	Income During Period	Expended During Period	Balance Year End
Principal Investments											
25 000	Cash/Cash Equivalents	18,696.41	7,715.52	81,841.97	96,441.52		11,812.38	96,328.78	1,428.31	0.00	97,757.09
20 000	Assoc. Corp. N Amer. 6% 4/15/2003			24,943.25			24,943.25	0.00	402.50	0.00	402.50
15 000	Bk America 6.875% 6/1/2003	19,566.80					19,566.80	2,530.00	1,265.00	0.00	3,795.00
25 000	Clitcorp 7% 7/1/07	15,021.00					15,021.00	0.00	968.69	0.00	968.69
20 000	Ford Mtr Cr Co 6.25% 11/8/00	25,059.00					25,059.00	2,875.00	1,437.50	0.00	4,312.50
25 000	FNMA 6.2%, 7/10/03	19,987.50			20,000.00	12.50		2,197.95	1,438.68	3,636.63	(0.00)
25 000	FNMA 8.75% 5/25/19	14,031.72			5,992.34	98.87	8,138.25	3,285.89	936.15	765.54	3,455.50
50 000	FNMA 8.95% 12/25/16	7,105.64			5,539.89	(1,565.75)		1,000.10	97.46	1,097.56	(0.00)
100 000	Georgia Power 6% 3/1/2000	24,983.00		10,005.20			10,005.20	0.00	93.54	0.00	93.54
25 000	GMAC 6.375% 12/1/01	24,983.00			20,000.00	3,000.00	24,983.00	0.00	1,466.26	0.00	1,466.26
20 000	MASCO 5.25% 2/15/12	24,811.50					24,811.50	1,932.00	474.90	2,406.90	0.00
25 000	Mellon Bank 6.50% 8/1/2005	20,149.87					20,149.87	1,495.00	1,495.00	1,495.00	1,495.00
20 000	Motorola 5.8% 10/15/2008	25,443.00		20,149.87			25,443.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25 000	JC Penney 7.375% 6/15/2004	20,315.20		24,837.50			20,315.20	2,234.01	1,696.26	1,234.01	2,996.26
20 000	Pacific Teletel 4.58% 5/1/2000	24,837.75					24,837.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25 000	So NE Tel 7% 8/15/05	30,018.75					30,018.75	1,988.74	1,702.00	0.00	3,670.74
30 000	USIT 7% 4/15/99	3,589.90					3,589.90	2,759.65	1,932.00	1,500.00	3,231.65
100	AT&T	5,736.25					5,736.25	242.88	121.44	0.00	364.32
100	AT&T	5,133.75					5,133.75	512.90	262.20	0.00	775.10
150	Am General	5,997.50					5,997.50	372.60	207.00	0.00	579.60
100	Am Home Prod	2,165.30					2,165.30	190.44	160.08	0.00	350.52
156	Associates First Capital	7,300.00					7,300.00	0.00	22.25	0.00	22.25
212	BancOne Corp common	0.00			0.00		0.00	644.00	80.50	724.50	0.00
250	BanqOne Corp PFD Sar Con	6,000.00			6,890.40	890.40	0.00	108.10	117.30	225.40	0.00
200	BanqOne Corp PFD Sar Con	6,735.00					6,735.00	555.68	287.04	0.00	842.72
112	Bristol Meyers	4,314.85					4,314.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
125	Cisco Sys Inc	7,938.44		4,314.85			7,938.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
150	Emerson Electric	4,280.95		8,117.35		5,976.88	2,140.48	560.28	474.72	1,035.00	0.00
250	FPL Group	7,881.25				(2,005.06)	7,881.25	884.80	460.00	1,324.80	0.00
75	Gr Lakes Chem	5,332.50		3,327.44			5,332.50	79.69	11.04	90.73	0.00
150	Hewlett Packard	6,176.25					6,176.25	284.96	165.60	0.00	430.56
200	IBM	13,046.25		10,805.13		4,282.00	5,323.12	282.20	117.76	0.00	299.94
300	Ill Tool Works	6,015.00		8,896.08		5,878.58	3,007.50	116.06	140.76	0.00	299.44
300	JC Penney	4,860.00		5,424.06		584.06	(0.00)	383.18	199.64	562.82	0.00
150	Kimberly Clark	5,923.13					5,923.13	162.84	136.62	0.00	299.40
64	Lucent Technologies	1,465.28					1,465.28	8.83	9.27	0.00	16.10
100	MMM	6,610.00					6,610.00	240.12	202.40	0.00	442.52
75	Merrck	7,186.50					7,186.50	0.00	96.36	0.00	96.36
300	Norfolk Southern	6,385.00					6,385.00	426.88	220.80	0.00	647.68
200	Pepsico	8,899.38		8,899.38			8,899.38	67.16	93.84	0.00	191.00
300	Shlumberger	8,493.75					8,493.75	0.00	21.56	0.00	21.56
400	Synco	5,095.00					5,095.00	206.08	130.64	0.00	336.72
200	Texasco	6,185.00					6,185.00	625.90	331.20	0.00	969.80
100	US West Communications	2,426.65					2,426.65	393.76	196.88	0.00	590.64
250	Wells Fargo	5,778.13					5,778.13	141.45	161.00	0.00	302.45
	Total Principal	430,108.20	7,715.52	191,424.21	191,424.21	17,132.48	454,959.20	126,080.23	22,701.37	16,119.89	132,861.71
Income Investments											
20 000	Cash/Cash Equivalents	86,296.53		40,685.25	75,248.63		51,735.15	0.00	1,981.93	0.00	0.00
50 000	UST Note 7% 4/15/99	20,012.50					20,012.50	0.00	1,400.00	0.00	0.00
10 000	UST Note 6.375% 1/15/2000	9,771.20		50,914.06		0.00	50,914.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 000	FNMA 4.75% 10/26/98	126,080.23		9,771.20		0.00	0.00	703.80	703.80	0.00	0.00
10 000	TVA 6.125% 7/15/03	10,000.00				0.00	10,000.00	612.50	612.50	0.00	0.00
	Total Income	556,188.43	7,715.52	283,023.52	276,442.04	17,132.48	587,620.91	126,080.23	27,399.60	4,698.23	132,861.71
	Total Common Trust Fund Investment										

Report prepared by State Street Bank and Trust Company of New Hampshire, N.A. for the Trustees of the Town of Goffstown

TOWN BUDGET

	1998 APPROVED BUDGET	1998 UNAUDITED EXPENDED	1999 BOARD OF SELECTMEN	1999 BUDGET COMMITTEE
ADMINISTRATION				
Executive/Elected	84,714	77,987	85,135	85,135
Election/Registration	17,137	15,769	11,273	11,273
Administration/Finance	511,902	495,805	528,797	528,797
Valuation of Property	109,959	106,055	121,752	121,752
Planning Department	143,298	131,747	148,502	148,502
Zoning/Building	70,547	71,886	74,893	74,893
Administration Facility	58,715	50,862	61,175	61,175
Cable TV	32,146	31,780	43,646	43,646
Other General Government	12,535	10,348	17,035	17,035
General Assistance	76,555	44,725	73,283	73,283
Civic Ceremonies	1,600	989	1,600	1,600
Historic District	7,000	7,107	1,000	1,000
Conservation	3,212	2,019	4,712	4,712
Interest on Notes	1	0	1	1
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$1,129,321	\$1,047,079	\$1,172,804	\$1,172,804
POLICE				
Police Administration	1,673,926	1,658,446	1,753,797	1,753,797
Police Facility	115,359	101,615	115,120	115,120
Crime Investigation	40,475	28,452	28,055	28,055
Police Vehicles	38,000	25,063	31,000	31,000
Communications	451,828	436,363	467,886	467,886
Emergency Management	4,550	4,758	3,576	3,576
TOTAL POLICE	\$2,324,138	\$2,254,697	\$2,399,434	\$2,399,434
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
Fire Administration	1,134,061	1,058,295	1,192,983	1,192,983
Fire Facility	46,651	45,328	49,601	49,601
Fire Vehicles	29,300	26,909	31,300	31,300
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$1,210,012	\$1,130,532	\$1,273,884	\$1,273,884
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT				
Public Works Division	1,213,740	1,122,635	1,256,468	1,256,468
Public Works Facility	—	—	43,546	43,546
Public Roads and Bridges	307,219	232,315	307,817	307,817
Cemetery Division	64,993	54,704	55,384	55,384
Equipment Maintenance	231,825	186,288	196,686	196,686
Solid Waste Division	720,591	660,817	710,319	710,319
Solid Waste Facility	—	—	23,000	23,000
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$2,538,368	\$2,256,759	\$2,593,200	\$2,593,220

	1998 APPROVED BUDGET	1998 UNAUDITED EXPENDED	1999 BOARD OF SELECTMEN	1999 BUDGET COMMITTEE
PARKS AND RECREATION				
Parks & Rec. Administration	174,342	169,140	180,505	180,505
Parks & Rec. Facility	40,279	38,680	37,292	37,292
Parks & Rec. Vehicles	2,670	3,073	2,450	2,450
TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 217,291	\$ 210,893	\$ 220,247	\$ 220,247
LIBRARY				
Library Administration	259,671	268,376	266,053	266,053
Library Facility	37,893	27,844	43,443	43,443
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$ 297,564	\$ 296,220	\$ 309,496	\$ 309,496
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM				
Debt Service/Principal	266,091	266,091	203,601	203,601
Debt Service/Interest	25,232	25,231	8,990	8,990
Capital Improvements	906,518	882,535	1,005,255	1,005,255
Separate Articles	176,465	187,605	259,900	124,900
TOTAL CAP. IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 1,374,306	\$ 1,361,462	\$ 1,477,746	\$1,342,746
SEWER				
Sewer Budget	1,567,665	1,210,220	1,648,844	1,648,844
TOTAL SEWER	\$ 1,567,665	\$ 1,210,220	\$ 1,648,844	\$ 1,648,844
SUBTOTAL MAIN BUDGET	\$10,658,665	\$ 9,767,862	\$11,095,655	\$10,960,675
SPECIAL ARTICLES				
Sewer Bond for Moose Club Park	818,300	818,300	–	–
Landfill Closure	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Parker Station Bridge	555,000	555,000	–	–
Telecommunication Study	35,000	0	–	–
Fire Union Contract	11,215	11,215	*	*
Police Union Contract	11,546	11,546	*	*
Public Works Union Contract	24,009	24,009	*	*
Main Street USA	–	–	15,000	15,000
TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES	\$ 1,655,070	\$ 1,620,070	\$ 215,000	\$ 215,000
TOTAL BUDGET	\$12,313,735	\$11,387,932	\$11,310,655	\$11,175,675
PETITIONED SPECIAL ARTICLE				
Police Officer \$15,677.56	–	–	–	–

*Contracts included in 1999 budget

OUTSTANDING DEBT SCHEDULE*

	Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1994 Lease-Purchase/ Public Works Equipment	1999	\$ 59,267	\$ 3,407	\$ 62,674
1996 Lease-Purchase/ Recycling Equipment	1999	48,175	3,083	51,258
1996 Lease-Purchase/ Telecommunications Equipment	1999	96,159	2,500	98,659
TOTAL GENERAL		\$ 203,601	\$ 8,990	\$ 212,591
1986 General Obligation Bonds - Sewer	1999	\$ 125,000	\$ 47,500	\$ 172,500
	2000	125,000	39,875	164,875
	2001	125,000	32,125	157,125
	2002	125,000	24,250	149,250
	2003	125,000	16,250	141,250
	2004	125,000	8,125	133,125
1989 General Obligation Bonds - Sewer	1999	\$ 100,000	\$ 59,250	\$ 159,250
	2000	100,000	52,350	152,350
	2001	100,000	45,450	145,450
	2002	100,000	38,500	138,500
	2003	100,000	31,500	131,500
	2004	100,000	24,500	124,500
	2005	100,000	17,500	117,500
	2006	100,000	10,500	110,500
	2007	100,000	3,500	103,500

OUTSTANDING DEBT SCHEDULE*

(continued)

	Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1990 General Obligation Bonds - Sewer	1999	\$ 105,000	\$ 88,253	\$ 193,253
	2000	105,000	81,218	186,218
	2001	105,000	74,183	179,183
	2002	105,000	67,148	172,148
	2003	105,000	60,113	165,113
	2004	105,000	53,078	158,078
	2005	105,000	46,043	151,043
	2006	105,000	38,981	143,981
	2007	105,000	31,894	136,894
	2008	105,000	24,806	129,806
	2009	105,000	17,719	122,719
	2010	105,000	10,631	115,631
	2011	105,000	3,544	108,544
1994 General Obligation Bonds - Sewer	1999	\$ 30,000	\$ 19,045	\$ 49,045
	2000	30,000	17,425	47,425
	2001	30,000	15,790	45,790
	2002	30,000	14,122	44,122
	2003	30,000	12,416	42,416
	2004	30,000	10,684	40,684
	2005	30,000	8,929	38,929
	2006	30,000	7,144	37,144
	2007	25,000	5,478	30,478
	2008	25,000	3,931	28,931
	2009	25,000	2,363	27,362
	2010	25,000	788	25,788
TOTAL SEWER BONDS		\$3,355,000	\$1,166,901	\$4,521,901

*Does not include Water Precinct Bonds

REVENUE OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES

	1998 BUDGET	USED TO SET TAX RATE	UNAUDITED 1998 ACTUAL	1999 BUDGET
TAX, OTHER THAN PROPERTY				
LAND USE CHANGE TAX	40,000	15,000	39,755	15,000
YIELD TAX	12,000	4,000	3,732	5,000
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	33,000	52,484	52,484	44,000
OTHER TAXES	1	0	0	0
INTEREST	185,000	185,000	172,542	185,000
TOTAL	\$ 270,001	\$ 256,484	\$ 268,513	\$ 249,000
REVENUE/LICENSES				
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS	1,565,000	1,565,000	1,591,541	1,565,000
BUILDING PERMITS	75,000	60,000	79,806	70,000
OTHER LICENSES/FEEES	65,000	61,400	64,958	59,900
TOTAL	\$1,705,000	\$1,686,400	\$1,736,305	\$1,694,900
REVENUE FEDERAL				
GRANTS	12,000	0	0	18,300
TOTAL	\$ 12,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 18,300
REVENUE STATE				
SHARED REVENUE	280,000	280,000	339,181	339,181
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	266,000	266,000	266,005	260,918
WATER POLLUTION GRANT	300,000	300,000	284,775	284,775
OTHER	462,000	454,000	446,883	36,576
TOTAL	\$1,308,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,336,844	\$ 921,450
REVENUE OTHER GOVERNMENT				
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	102,944		68,040	0
TOTAL	\$ 102,944	\$ 0	\$ 68,040	\$ 0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
LANDFILL	145,000	60,000	56,819	92,650
SPECIAL POLICE	45,000	48,000	67,923	46,670
DISPATCHING	23,500	23,500	27,488	37,650
OTHER	38,401	52,550	80,360	34,450
TOTAL	\$ 251,901	\$ 184,050	\$ 232,590	\$ 211,420
MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES				
SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY	8,000	2,500	2,448	2,500
INTEREST ON INVEST	220,000	220,000	227,245	140,000
OTHER	143,100	150,000	168,259	242,700
CABLE	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
TOTAL	\$ 436,100	\$ 437,500	\$ 462,952	\$ 450,200
INTERFUND TRANSFERS				
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	-	58,000		78,000
ENTERPRISE FUND	1,267,665	1,267,665	925,444	1,364,069
TRUST FUNDS	15,000	10,000	8,752	13,000
TOTAL	\$1,282,665	\$1,335,665	\$ 934,196	\$1,455,069
OTHER FINANCING				
BONDS	818,300	818,300	818,300	0
TOTAL	\$ 818,300	\$ 818,300	\$ 818,300	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$6,186,911	\$6,018,399	\$5,857,740	\$5,000,339

ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE	DEC. 31, 1998	\$2,514,351
AUDITED FUND BALANCE	DEC. 31, 1997	\$2,423,008

ASSESSOR

1998 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF EVALUATION

Land	\$ 178,160,700.
Buildings	385,711,100.
Manufactured Housing	16,692,900.
Gas	844,200.
Electric	19,079,700.
TOTAL	\$ 600,488,600.

EXEMPTIONS

Blind	\$ 210,000.
Elderly	1,845,000.
Full-Vet	372,600.
School	150,000.
TOTAL	- 2,577,600.
NET TAXABLE VALUE	\$ 597,911,000.
Veterans Exemptions	\$ 110,100.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Mace, *Assessor*

TREASURER

1998 SUBJECT TO AUDIT

Cash on Hand – January 1, 1998	\$ 7,330,716
1998 Receipts	24,691,991
Total Cash	32,022,707
Disbursements & Adjustments	23,057,902
Cash on Hand – December 31, 1998	\$ 8,964,805
Citizens Bank	\$ 8,808,814
N.H. Investment Pool	33,821
Fleet Bank	122,170
	\$ 8,964,805

Respectfully submitted,
Jean C. Mayberry, *Treasurer*

TAX COLLECTOR

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

- DEBIT -

	LEVIES OF:		
	1998	1997	1995
Uncollected Taxes -			
Beginning of Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes		\$1,321,485	
Land Use Change			2,800
Yield Taxes		330	318
Taxes Committed this Year:			
Property Taxes	\$21,028,632		
Land Use Change	55,360		
Yield Taxes	4,372		
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes	61,363	14,076	
Land Use Change			
Yield Tax			
Interest Collected on Delinquent Tax	18,089	28,943	166
TOTAL DEBITS	\$21,167,816	\$1,364,834	\$3,284

- CREDIT -

Remittance to Treasurer			
	1998	1997	1995
Property Taxes	\$19,645,875	\$720,401	
Land Use Change	39,360		
Yield Taxes	3,248	330	318
Interest	18,089	28,943	166
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	12,362	11,665	
Land Use Change			2,800
Yield Taxes	1,124		
Uncollected Taxes -			
End of Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes	1,431,758	603,495	
Land Use Change	16,000		
Yield Taxes			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$21,167,816	\$1,364,834	\$3,284

TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

- DEBIT - ON LEVIES OF:

	1997	1996	1995
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$337,375	\$179,247
Liens Executed during Fiscal Year	647,892		
Interest & Cost Collected (After Lien Execution)	23,822	40,214	58,882
TOTAL DEBITS	\$671,714	\$377,589	\$238,129

- CREDIT -

	1997	1996	1995
Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemptions:	\$279,694	\$158,619	\$168,163
Interest/Costs (After Lien Execution)	23,822	40,214	58,882
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	24,004	5,344	8,526
Liens Deeded to Municipalities			2,558
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Yr.	344,194	173,412	0
TOTAL CREDITS	\$671,714	\$377,589	\$238,129

Submitted subject to audit:
Cheryl S. Renaud
Tax Collector



*L-R: Muriel Lively
(Deputy), and
Cheryl Renaud
(Tax Collector)*

BUILDING, ZONING & HEALTH OFFICE

The Building Inspector oversees all building activities in town. This includes generating up-to-date forms needed for permit applications, plan reviews, issuance of permits, inspecting works-in-progress including building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical inspections. Certificates of Occupancy are issued when work is completed in compliance with building codes and the zoning ordinance.

With a healthy economy, the demand for housing in New Hampshire is very strong and Goffstown is no exception. In 1998, the Building Office issued 100 permits for single family homes, an increase over last year. Commercial construction remains weak, down from last year and except for the St. Anselm's football stadium, new commercial construction was virtually non-existent. The Building office is staffed by myself and Mellisa Bruce, a part-time building secretary responsible for office operations.

The Building Inspector is also the Code Enforcement Officer, responsible for enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance is designed to protect against inappropriate uses that could have depreciative affects on your property. As the Town grows, more zoning violations are reported to this office. More corrective action notices were sent out in 1998 than in previous years.

The Building Inspector is also the Health Officer. The responsibilities of the health officer are varied, the most common duties include inspections for day care, foster homes, and sanitation. This office handles all health related complaints, the majority of which are for failed septic systems.

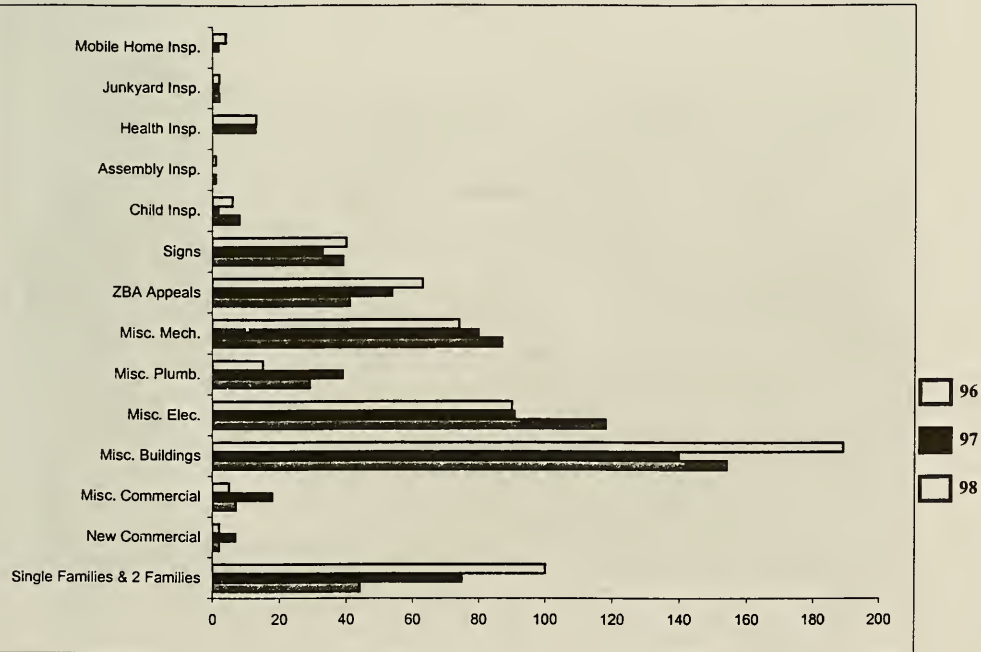
Refer all questions concerning Building, Zoning and Health issues to our office at 497-3612. We are here to help you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edmond J. Neveu
*Building Inspector,
Code Enforcement & Health Officer*

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

TYPE OF PERMIT	1996		1997		1998	
	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	No. of Permits	Permit Fees
Single Families & 2 Families	44	\$ 24,817	75	\$ 37,503	100	\$ 51,558
New Commercial	2	1,171	7	15,379	2	6,480
Misc. Commercial	7	21,157	18	4,974	5	1,416
Misc. Buildings	154	9,411	140	6,120	189	9,787
Misc. Electrical	118	2,826	91	2,020	90	3,529
Misc. Plumbing	29	809	39	838	15	375
Misc. Mechanical	87	2,320	80	1,836	74	2,025
ZBA Appeals	41	1,728	54	2,334	63	2,937
Signs	39	1,100	33	690	40	680
Child Inspection	8	295	2	770	6	0
Assembly Insp.	1	50	0	0	1	50
Health Inspection	0	0	13	45	13	0
Junkyard Insp.	2	50	2	50	2	0
Mobile Home Insp	0	0	2	200	4	400
Misc.	0	0	0	171	0	569
TOTALS	532	\$65,734	556	\$72,930	604	\$79,806



ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Appeals heard by the Zoning Board in 1998 =	58
Appeals Approved	= 41
Appeals Denied	= 14
Withdrawals	= 2
Dismissals	= 1

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) has the authority, after public hearing and notice to:

1. Decide appeals from the administrative decisions of the municipal officials or boards responsible for issuing permits or enforcing the zoning ordinance;
2. Approve special exceptions as provided for in the zoning ordinance;
3. Grant variances from terms of the ordinance.

Regularly scheduled meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm and are followed by hearings which begin at 7:30 pm. Additional special public hearings and meetings are held as required.

Notices of meetings are posted in the Town Hall and advertised in the *Goffstown News*. Applicants and abutters are notified by certified mail.

All meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Grady, *Chairman*



*L-R: Paul Lambert, Anthony "Tony" Marts (Vice Chairman), Edward Dial, Jr. (Alt.), Henry Grady (Chairman), Marie Boyle (Sec.), William Jabjiniak (Clerk)
Missing: Cynthia Boisvert (Alt.), Armand Demers (Alt.), James Kibby (Alt.), and Robert Piper.*

PLANNING OFFICE

1998 was a very busy year in the Planning Office. The Planning Office, Planning Board and Department Heads worked very hard throughout 1998 updating the Subdivision Regulations. The purpose of the update was to incorporate the land use regulatory-based goals in the Master Plan. The Site Plan Regulations will be reviewed and updated in 1999.

Development activity increased in 1998. The table below shows the number of subdivision and site plan applications submitted to the Planning Board for review:

Type/Year	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Subdivision	35	35	20	20	20	22	8	16
Site Plan	6	14	10	5	8	11	9	12
Conceptual	18	18	17	11	10	16	7	13
Total	59	67	47	36	38	49	24	41
% Change		13.56	-29.85	-23.40	5.56	28.95	-51.02	70.83

As you can see, there was a significant increase in the number of applications reviewed last year. In an atmosphere of low interest rates and a robust economy, it is not surprising to see increased development activity. The Planning Board continues to review its share of residential developments, but it was encouraging to see an increase in commercial and industrial development.



*L-R: Meltisa Bruce, Andre Garron, Patty Gale, Mary Lavallee.
Missing: Ed Neveu and Ron Mace.*

Last year the Town voted on a new Telecommunications Ordinance. The goal of the ordinance was to encourage co-location of telecommunication equipment on existing towers. It was also designed to minimize the number of new towers and their visual impact in Goffstown. The majority of telecommunication site plan applications reviewed last year was to co-locate on existing towers.

In 1999, the Planning Board will re-write the Zoning Ordinance. Goffstown's original Zoning Ordinance was created in 1961. The Town amended the ordinance after the adoption of its first Master Plan in 1967. The Zoning Ordinance has been amended 32 times since 1967. The ordinance today is confusing, complicated and lacks cohesion. As mentioned earlier, the Town recently adopted a new Master Plan. The goal of this rewrite is to re-organize and re-evaluate the Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the goals in the Master Plan.

The Planning Office serves as an advisor to several boards and committees in Goffstown, such as: Planning Board; Zoning Board of Adjustment; Board of Selectmen; Capital Improvements Program Committee; Economic Development Council; Village Overlay District Committee; Technical Review Committee; and Main Street Steering Committee.

Most of the boards and/or committees, shown above, have submitted articles for the Town Report. I won't reiterate what these groups have already reported. I do want to thank all of the boards, committees and Departments Heads for their time, effort and commitment made on behalf of the community.

I also want to thank my assistant Patty Gale for all the work she does in the Planning Office throughout the year. We both look forward to making 1999 another productive and exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,

André L Garron

Planning & Economic Development Coordinator

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board formally adopted a Master Plan update in 1997. This Plan provides a blue print or design for long term land use planning concepts for our community.

In order to implement any of these concepts which will result in a change in the Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Board must prepare and submit an article to be placed on the official ballot. All voters have an opportunity to vote on the article in March.

The Master Plan asserts the need for a greater commercial tax base in Goffstown, in order to support municipal and school budget requirements without placing an undue burden on the individual residential taxpayers. The Plan also realizes the need for economic growth and visual enhancement in the village area of town. In order to establish a framework to encourage these changes, a new zoning district is being proposed; it is named the "Village Commercial District".

The Planning Board has held two public hearings, one in December 1998 and one in January 1999 to discuss the "Village Commercial District". Both of these hearings were televised on GTV16.

Adding a new zoning district is a significant change to our ordinance. We strongly urge everyone to become informed about this change so that you will feel comfortable in voting on this article in March. The complete text of the article is available at the planning office in Town Hall. A map showing the exact parcels to be included is also available for viewing at Town Hall.

All Planning Board members are familiar with the provisions of the proposed new district. Members of the Board are listed in the front of this town report. Voters who have questions can also contact any of the members.

The Planning Office is on the upper level at Town Hall where our capable staff is available daily during normal business hours to assist anyone with questions about zoning in Goffstown. Mr. André Garron, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator and Ms. Patty Gale, Secretary to the Planning Board, continue to provide essential guidance and support and we thank them for their efforts.

The Planning Board would like to thank the people of Goffstown for the continued support of the Board and its activities and we welcome interested citizens to attend our meetings which are typically held on the second and the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gossett McRae, *Chairman*



L-R: Front Row: JoAnn D'Avanza (Secretary), Claire Rouillard, Gossett McRae (Chairman), Collis Adams (Alt.) L-R Back Row: Miles Phillips, Richard Georgantas, Sel. Henry Boyle, Andre Garron (Planning & Economic Development Coordinator) Missing: Mark Choquette (Alt.), Barbara Griffin (Sel. Alt.), Milton Meyers (Alt.), James Raymond (Vice Chairman).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



L-R Front Row: Philip Tatro, Margaret Dolbow, Judith DesMeules, Marie Boyle. L-R Back Row: Henry Grady, William Jabjiniak (Chairman), Sel. Bruce Hunter, Sel. Robert Wheeler, Matthew Peterson, André Garron (TA's designee). Missing: Barbara Griffin (Alt. Sel. Rep.), William Hamilton, Lynn Marie Hummel (Vice Chair), Michael Massey, Gossett McRae (Planning Board Chairman).

The year 1998 was a big one for the council. Not only did we expand our membership by adding several new enthusiastic members but our second annual community Christmas tree lighting on the common, was an even bigger success than the 1997 event. A lot of thanks for that success is extended to the local merchants and to the many volunteers who helped with the tree raising and lighting and the Goffstown Rotary Club and the Goffstown Lions Club who chipped in to contribute the reindeer and the haywagon and horse to the celebration.

Halloween was another wonderful time. With the cooperation of some of our town entities and organizations, the evening was a great time for the children and adults alike, not only in the village area but in Pinardville as well, thanks to the Goffstown Police Department, the Pinardville Booster Club and several of the Pinardville merchants.

A couple of things happened this past year to help make the Christmas and Halloween events the successes they were. One was the wonderful addition of the new park on the corner of Mill and Main Streets in Goffstown Village that was built by the Rotary Club and many, many community volunteers. That, along with the addition of the new skateboard park located off Church Street, also in the village, helped make the village area a destination for townspeople, which was one of the council's top priorities for the year.

A wonderful plan to renovate and spruce up the common was introduced to the community early in 1998, and it is our hope that the common will be a new and inviting place to be as 1999 progresses.

A really exciting development for us this year is the inclusion in the 1999 warrant of an article concerning the Main Street program, covering our Main Street area businesses. The passage of that article will begin a three-year process whereby the entire Main Street area will be analyzed and undergo some changes to make it a more pleasant and lively place in which to do business.

Another of our goals this past year was to continue working on our town website. We now have approximately 25 pages out there in cyberspace and we see it as a way for citizens to find out what's going on in the community through their computers. All municipal departments have a page of frequently asked questions – and most of the answers are right there. If you'd like to see what's going on at our website, just look us up at www.goffstown.com.

As 1998 comes to a close, we'd like to thank all of the people who have helped us with our projects this past year – the business people of the town, the civic clubs, the many generous volunteers who pitched in when they were needed, and the townspeople who joined us for our events – with a special thank you to our economic development coordinator, André Garron for his outstanding help and ongoing dedication to the council.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Boyle, *Secretary*



Rotary Park

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1999 - 2004 CIP REPORT

The Capital Improvements Program Committee is a sub-committee of the Planning Board. This year the Committee consisted of two Planning Board members (Claire Rouillard and JoAnn D'Avanza), one member of the Budget Committee (John Davis), one member of the School Board (Karl MacGibbon), one member of the Board of Selectmen (Bob Wheeler) and two members of the community (Pete Georgantas and Pat Tucker). André Garron, Planning & Economic Development Coordinator, was our advisor.

The Capital Improvements Program is a valuable part of the community planning process. The program links local infrastructure investments with Master Plan goals, land use ordinance and economic development.

The Master Plan update was completed in 1997. The CIP Committee asked the department heads to use the new Master Plan in determining their needs for the next six years. The Planning Board directed the CIP Committee not to use the phrase "To Be Determined (TBD)" for requested items. They requested that Department Heads to put forth their best estimate for project costs. This will give the Board a better picture of the overall impact of the Capital Improvements Program throughout its six years.

In the CIP report, the CIP Committee has included a section that describes the purpose behind a Capital Improvements Program. The Capital Improvement Program Committee realizes that it can be difficult to differentiate between the budget and the capital budget.

This year, the CIP Committee presented their report to the Planning Board on October 8, 1998. The Planning Board adopted this report on October 29, 1998. This plan serves as an advisory document to the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

The CIP Committee spent much of the summer working on this report. We would like to thank the Department Heads for their time, effort and cooperation throughout this entire process.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn D'Avanza, *Co-Chair*

Claire Rouillard, *Co-Chair*

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY 1999 – 2004

VEHICLES

DEPARTMENT	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04
POLICE:						
Cruisers	48,164	104,491	77,048	85,564	55,724	57,396
SUBTOTAL:	\$48,164	\$104,491	\$77,048	\$85,564	\$55,724	\$57,396
FIRE:						
H-1	140,000					
Refurbish Ladder 6				90,000		
Replace Forestry Truck 1		35,000				
Refurbish AMB-1 (funded by GEMSA)	50,000					
Replace AMB-2 (funded by GEMSA)				80,000		
Replace Utility 1					20,000	20,000
Car 1 Replacement		27,000				
Car 2 Replacement			21,000			
SUBTOTAL:	\$190,000	\$62,000	\$21,000	\$170,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.:						
Lease Purchase #2 & #3	62,675					
6-Wheel Dump Replacement	80,000					
New Sidewalk Plow, Sander & Mower		80,000				
Replace 92 MACK #22				85,000		
Replace 92 MACK #21					85,000	
Replace 92 MACK #23						85,000
Replace 1985 Pickup			30,000			
Replace 1988 Pickup w/1 Ton Dump Body			42,000			
Replace 1990 Pickup			30,000			
Replace 1992 Pickup						30,000
Replace 1987 Packer			165,000			
Replace 1982 Vactor Truck		180,000				
Replace Compressor & Jack Hammer				12,000		
Replace 1988 Loader					130,000	
SUBTOTAL	\$142,675	\$260,000	\$267,000	\$97,000	\$215,000	\$115,000
PARKS & RECREATION						
Car 1992	13,000					
Truck 1991		16,000				
SUBTOTAL:	\$13,000	\$16,000				
TOTAL:	\$393,839	\$442,491	\$365,048	\$352,564	\$290,724	\$192,396

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY 1999 – 2004

CAPITAL PROJECTS

DEPARTMENT	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04
ADMINISTRATION						
Computer Upgrade - Tax & Finance		50,000	15,450			
Town Hall Parking Lot Repaving				34,100		
SUBTOTAL:	\$0	\$50,000	\$15,450	\$34,100		
CONSERVATION COMMISSION						
Prime Wetlands Mapping		20,000				
Land Survey	4,850	4,850				
SUBTOTAL	\$4,850	\$24,850	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HISTORIC COMMISSION						
Grange Hall Renovation	36,600	43,000		236,350		
(Contigent upon grant)						
SUBTOTAL:	\$36,600	\$43,000		\$236,350		
POLICE						
Drainage, Parking Lot & Lighting				27,500		
Evidence/Property Barcoding System		15,000				
Townwide Telecomm.	98,659					
SUBTOTAL	\$98,659	\$15,000	\$0	\$27,500	\$0	\$0
FIRE						
East Goffs. Sta. 17 Emer. Power	13,000					
Protective Clothing	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000		
Central Facility Study			20,000			
Station Renovations		20,000				
Municipal Alarm Upgrade						20,000
SUBTOTAL	\$28,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$20,000
PUBLIC WORKS						
Resurfacing Roads	243,101	255,256	268,019	281,420	295,491	310,266
Reclamation	182,933	165,830	174,122	182,828	191,969	201,567
Main St. Bridge Design	37,630					
Main St. Bridge Construction		220,000				
Harry Brook Bridge						150,000
Crack Sealing	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Corridor I - Wallace & Mast Rd.		30,000	500,000			
St. Anselm/Rt.114 Intersection			365,000			
Sidewalk - Danis Park to				630,000		
Moose Club Park Rd.						
Sidewalk - Center St.			32,000			
Upgrade and Paving Snook Rd.			232,000			
Sidewalk Repairs	19,924	20,920	21,966	23,064	24,217	25,428
Bridge Repairs	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Drainage Projects	22,877	74,000	25,222	26,483	27,807	29,198
Guardrail Installation	11,576	12,155	12,763	13,401	14,071	14,774
PW Facility	425,000					
North Mast Rd. Drainage			55,000	350,000	250,000	
Shirley Hill Rd. Cemetery Stonewall			35,000			
SUBTOTAL	\$988,041	\$823,161	\$1,766,092	\$1,552,196	\$848,555	\$776,233
PAGE SUBTOTAL	\$1,156,150	\$991,011	\$1,816,542	\$1,865,146	\$848,555	\$796,233

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY 1999 – 2004

CAPITAL PROJECTS

DEPARTMENT	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04
SOLID WASTE:						
Landfill Closure (20% state funded)	200,000	200,000				
Capital Reserve Funds						
Landfill Closure (20% state funded)			189,870	189,870	189,870	189,870
Landfill Closure Design	30,000	60,000	31,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
& Monitoring						
Trash Trailer Replacement						55,000
Landfill Reuse			68,367	68,367	68,367	68,367
Demo Shredder	36,000					
Brush Chipper	27,000					
Trash Barrels	51,258					
SUBTOTAL:	\$344,258	\$260,000	\$289,237	\$288,237	\$288,237	\$343,237
PARKS & RECREATION:						
Tennis Courts - Roy Park		25,000				
Tennis Courts - Barnard Park				54,000		
Install Irrigation System Barnard Pk.	14,900					
SUBTOTAL:	\$14,900	\$25,000		\$54,000		
PLANNING DEPARTMENT/BOARD:						
Master Plan Update					35,000	
Corridor Study Update					40,000	
Rails to Trails Project			390,00			
(TEA 21 Grant)						
Industrial Land Acquisition		125,000				
Geographical Information System*	15,000	18,540	19,096			
SUBTOTAL:	\$15,000	\$143,540	\$409,096		\$75,000	0
LIBRARY:						
Pinardville Branch Facility					420,000	
SUBTOTAL					\$420,000	
PAGE SUBTOTAL	\$374,158	\$428,540	\$698,333	\$342,237	\$783,237	\$343,237
COMBINED TOTAL:	1,924,147	1,862,042	2,879,923	2,559,947	1,922,516	1,331,866
OFFSETTING REVENUE:	93,300	239,500	636,564	242,149	43,974	43,974
NET COST:	1,830,847	1,622,542	2,243,359	2,317,798	1,878,542	1,287,892
% INCREASE/DECREASE						
FROM PREVIOUS YEAR:	12%	-11%	38%	3%	-19%	-31%

Offsetting Revenue:

99- Corridor Improvement - \$25,000
 99- Amb-1 -Gemsa - \$50,000
 99- NH Natural Res. Grant- \$18,300
 00- Bridge Main Street Brdg-\$176,000
 00- Wallace&Mast offsite fees - \$30,000
 00- Historic Society Grant - \$21,500
 00- Landfill Closure Aid - \$12,000

01- St.Anselm/Rt.114- State Aid - \$243,090
 01- Landfill Closure Aid - \$44,174
 01- Rail to Trails TEA21 grant - \$312,000
 01- Center Street Sidewalk - \$16,000
 02- Amb-2 -Gemsa - \$80,000
 02- Historic Society Grant - \$118,175
 03- Landfill Closure Aid - \$43,974
 04- Landfill closure Aid - \$43,974

Note: The cost to close the landfill is estimated to be \$2.8M. This amount will be reduced by \$800K capital reserve fund and by \$554,154 from a state grant. A loan from the state will be requested for the balance \$1.4M.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY 1999 – 2004

CAPITAL PROJECTS

DEPARTMENT	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04
SEWER COMMISSION						
Piscataquog River Interceptor \$1.5M	\$159,000	\$152,000	\$145,000	\$139,000	\$132,000	\$125,000
West Side Pump Sta., 1A-1C & 3A	173,000	165,000	157,000	149,000	141,000	133,000
MWWTP Upgrade/Capacity	193,000	186,000	179,000	172,000	165,000	158,000
Lynchville Park System				113,000	364,000	354,000
Moose Club Park System	93,000	90,000	88,000	85,000	83,000	80,000
Shirley Park System						
Knollcrest		75,000	71,000	69,000	67,000	65,000
River Crossing			44,000	42,000	40,000	39,000
Hernsdorf System					77,000	249,000
Inflow & Infiltratio Proj.	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000
Riverview Park (430,000 Bond) (Paid by Residents)	49,000	47,000	46,000	44,000	42,000	41,000
SUB-TOTAL:	\$852,000	\$900,000	\$915,000	\$998,000	\$1,296,000	\$1,429,000
State's Share:	279,000	268,000	256,000	244,000	232,000	220,000
User's Share:	524,000	585,000	613,000	710,000	1,022,000	1,168,000
Riverview Park Share:	49,000	47,000	46,000	44,000	42,000	41,000
GRAND TOTAL:	1,704,000	1,800,000	1,830,000	1,996,000	2,592,000	2,858,000
VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT						
Debt Service/Current Bond	190,833					
Well System Improvement	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	
Truck 3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Pipework (LOOP)		60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
TOTAL	\$218,833	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$63,000

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY 1999 – 2004

SCHOOLS' CAPITAL PROJECTS

DEPARTMENT	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04
MT. VIEW						
7.9M and \$5M Bond**	1,181,910	1,136,011	1,088,694	1,046,260	998,455	955,820
SUBTOTAL:	\$1,181,910	\$1,136,011	\$1,088,694	\$1,046,260	\$998,455	\$955,820
G.A.H.S.						
Parking & Pickup Area	142,000	142,000				
GAHS Expansion		397,548	1,370,848	1,342,606	1,315,759	1,283,621
Windows/Ext/Int Doors						
Repair & Replacement	30,000					
SUBTOTAL:	\$172,000	\$539,548	\$1,370,848	\$1,342,606	\$1,315,759	\$1,283,621
DISTRICT WIDE						
Roof Repair	40,000	40,000				
Boiler Replacement		93,312				
Repaving	16,540	16,540	16,540	16,540	16,540	16,540
Technology Advances	75,000	75,000	75,000	100,000	100,000	
Carpet & Tile Replacement	32,000	32,000	32,000	32,000		
Purchase Land for Elementary School		100,000				
Elementary School or Additional Space		226,444	816,319	799,531	782,266	764,469
Double Wide Portable Classrooms	32,280	32,280	32,280			
Student Desk/Chair Replacement	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000		
Technology Plan	100,000	100,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	
SUBTOTAL:	\$320,820	\$740,576	\$1,147,139	\$1,123,071	\$1,048,806	\$781,009
**Includes the Maple Ave. Bond						
SCHOOL SUB-TOTAL:	\$1,674,730	\$2,416,135	\$3,606,681	\$3,511,937	\$3,363,020	\$3,020,450
OFFSETTING REVENUES:	292,500	292,500	292,500	741,750	741,750	741,750
SCHOOL TOTAL:	1,382,230	2,123,635	3,314,181	2,770,187	2,621,270	2,278,700
% INCREASE/DECREASE						
FROM PREVIOUS YEAR:	4%	54%	56%	-16%	-5%	-13%
COMBINED TOWN & SCHOOL TOTAL:	\$3,213,077	\$3,746,177	\$5,557,540	\$5,087,985	\$4,499,812	\$3,566,592
% INCREASE/DECREASE						
FROM PREVIOUS YEAR:	9%	17%	48%	-8%	-12%	-21%

Offsetting Revenue:

99 - 04 School Aid for Maple Ave & Mt. View Bond - \$292,500

02 - 04 School Aid for High School Expansion - \$321,750

02 - 04 School Aid for Elementary School Expansion - \$127,500

VILLAGE OVERLAY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The Village Overlay District Committee was established by the Planning Board to investigate changes to the Zoning Ordinance which would provide opportunities for economic growth and revitalization in the Village area of Goffstown. The committee is made up of both Planning Board members (Richard Georgantas, Miles Phillips, JoAnn D'Avanza and Collis Adams) and community members at large (Larry Brown, Julie Grandgeorge and Earl Carrel). André Garron, Town Planner, provided guidance to the committee and assured that our work was consistent with other Town programs.

The committee met monthly beginning in March and in November presented a draft ordinance to the full Planning Board for review and comment. The name of the committee is perhaps a bit of a misnomer in that the draft ordinance which was presented to the Planning Board is actually an ordinance to establish a Village Commercial District. The intent of the subcommittee was to create a core commercial area in the village and then subsequently develop overlay districts which would allow for a blending of uses from the commercial area to the adjacent residential and/or industrial areas. In essence the subcommittee considers the Village Commercial District to be a first step in a multi-phase process.

The committee's work consisted of two primary tasks: 1.) to establish boundaries for the Village Commercial District; and 2.) to consider allowable uses and design standards which would provide for growth within the district consistent with the purpose of the ordinance. The purpose statement is the heart of the ordinance and is as follows:

PURPOSE

- a. The Village Commercial District is established to allow for the development of the Village section of Goffstown with a harmonious mix of commercial, residential, civic and recreational uses with an emphasis on the promotion of pedestrian movement and the preservation of historic structures. The intent of this ordinance is to adopt reasonable standards which will preserve the Village area as a focal point for the personal, business, religious and civic needs of the community while at the same time allowing the area to accommodate growth at a scale and intensity consistent with a village setting.
- b. Further, it is the intent of this ordinance that this purpose is best accomplished by:
 1. Encouraging the preservation of historic buildings and historically significant features and assuring that new development is consistent with the historical character of the Village;

2. Improving the aesthetics of the area through the use of landscaping and architectural standards;
3. Creating a safe and pedestrian friendly environment;
4. Promoting a balanced mix of compatible uses; and
5. Promoting economic investment in the district.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the ordinance is that its adoption is in accordance with the Innovative Land Use Control Law. This allows the Planning Board to oversee the administration of the district. The Innovative Land Use Control Law allows the Planning Board to use its discretion in considering proposed uses and applying the design standards (including the ability to waive certain standards) so as to provide an opportunity for growth to occur in a manner consistent with the purpose statement. This approach is in contrast to typical zoning ordinances which adhere strictly to design standards and from which the only relief available to a project proponent is to successfully appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for variances from the ordinance. This can be an overwhelming and often impossible task given the confines of the village area.

In general, the effect of the new ordinance will be to eliminate some uses currently allowed in the **existing** Commercial District while providing flexibility for accommodating uses allowed in the **proposed** Village Commercial District. Specifically, uses currently allowed in the village area but which would not be allowed under the new ordinance are: light industry and wholesale brokerage; clubs, halls and amusement centers; shopping centers; adult book and video stores; wireless facilities (towers); nursing and group homes; private schools and agriculture. It is also important to note that currently one and two family residences are not allowed in the village but under the proposed ordinance they would be allowed.

The Planning Board has held public hearings to receive input and has voted to include the proposed ordinance on the March ballot for approval by the voters. The complete text of the ordinance and a map of the proposed district boundaries are available for review at the Planning Department in Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Collis Adams
Chairman

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help the dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants who are selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of your appointed representatives, the Commission staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance that are mandated under New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local or site-specific projects which would pertain more exclusively to your community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by the Commission's staff at the request of your Planning Coordinator or Town Administrator. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps your officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation, and offers training workshops for Planning and Zoning Board members on an annual basis.

Services that were performed for the Town of Goffstown during the past year are as follows:

1. Co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture series. These meetings were attended by Goffstown officials.
2. Conducted traffic counts at thirty locations in the Town of Goffstown. Copies of the traffic counts were forwarded to the Planner.
3. At the request of the Planning Coordinator, conducted speed counts on three roads in the Goffstown Village area.
4. The Regional Transportation Plan and the draft Transportation Improvement Program FY 1999-2001 have been prepared. Included in this document are some highway improvement projects for the Town of Goffstown. Copies have been forwarded to the Planning Board and the Goffstown Public Library.
5. Provided suggested amendments to the Town's Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations in an effort to implement the Erosion and Sediment Control provisions of the Model Regulation.
6. Provided a video entitled "RSA 155-E: Earth Excavations" for the use of the Planning Board.
7. At the request of the Planner, reviewed and offered comments on the traffic impact report for the St. Anselm College football stadium.
8. Provided copies of the procedure recommended by the City of Concord for special investigative studies and Administrative Rules for the permitting of driveways.
9. The Town's zoning map was updated to show the newly changed zones. This was forwarded to the Planning Board office.

Goffstown's Representatives to the Commission are:

Robert L. Wheeler

Arthur W. Rose, Milton Meyers, Barbara J. Griffin, Alternate
Executive Committee Member: Robert L. Wheeler

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



L-R: William Scimone, Susan Tucker, Karen McRae, Jean Walker (Alt), Evelyn Miller (Vice Chair), Jane Raymond (Chair). Missing: Collis Adams (Alt), Charles Freiburger, Julie Grandgeorge, Timothy Hanson (Alt), Bruce Hunter (Sel. Rep.)

The Conservation Commission has had a busy year. The Commission worked closely with the Department of Public Works in their submission of a blanket dredge and fill permit for culvert replacement and ditch line maintenance throughout the town. Over the year the Commission has assisted several homeowners with expedited permits and other water related issues. The Commissioners continue to review wetland issues on subdivision plans for the Planning Board and we also work closely with the Code Enforcement Officer. The CIP survey project on Uncanoonuc Mountain is continuing. Some permanent markers have been set and we are looking forward to finalizing the rest of the property lines. In addition we assisted the Piscataquog Water Association in publicizing the Loosestrife eradication from the watershed.

Tim Hanson has joined our Commission as an alternate this year and Bruce Hunter stepped into the Selectmen representative position which Hank Boyle so ably held for several years.

Our meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at Town Hall unless otherwise posted. Please feel free to attend these meetings and become involved in your community.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Raymond, *Chairman*

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION HERITAGE COMMISSION



L-R: Philip D'Avanza (Chair), Barbara Mace (Sec/Treasurer), Annie Vincent, Eleanor Porritt (Vice Chair), Barbara Perkins (Alt), Elizabeth Merrill (Alt), Doug Gove, Robert Gagnon. Missing: Terri August (Alt), Marie Boyle, Kathleen France, David White (Alt)

The Goffstown Historic District Commission opened the 1998 schedule of activities with a meeting of representatives from all the organizations using the Grasmere Town Hall facilities. Concerns expressed and suggestions offered provided valuable input for the Commission. To help determine additional use of the Grasmere Town Hall auditorium, when it becomes ADA compliant, 51 local organizations were contacted by mail with a survey form to complete. 72% of those responding indicated they might be interested in using the facilities at some point for their activities.

A 30 foot strip of land abutting the rear of the Grasmere Town Hall property was deeded to the town from the estate of Wentworth Miles, Jean Walkers, Executrix. This valuable addition will provide space for much needed parking and easier access to the proposed elevator tower under the final phase of the restoration work. The Commission and the Town of Goffstown are deeply indebted to the generosity of the Miles family.

To showcase the improvements to the community meeting room, an Open House was held on June 6, 1998. The floor, painstakingly restored by a group of hard working volunteers, was the highlight of the occasion. To be appreciated, the floor must be seen! Goffstown citizens are cordially invited to see the refurbished community meeting room.

The beautification of the grounds with flower gardens, planters and shrubs was the contribution of the Goffstown Community Garden Club. The Commission thanks the “gardeners” for their continuing efforts to improve the aesthetics of Goffstown. The Flower Show, sponsored by the Garden Club, held at Grasmere on October 22, 1998, gave local and visiting flower enthusiasts an opportunity to enjoy beauty and creativity in an improved setting.

Two Certificates of Appropriateness were issued during 1998 to the Goffstown Historical Society and to Hillside Methodist Church for maintenance and updating work on properties within historic districts.

The proceeds of our fund raising merchandise go into the Heritage Fund slowly but steadily. The Goffstown Tru-Value Hardware Store and Howe’s Pharmacy have been most accommodating in allowing the sale of our sun-catcher medallions in their stores. Once again, the Historic District Commission was able to participate at the November Craft Fair with thanks to the generosity of the Goffstown Lions Club. As a result, a nice sum was realized and added to the Heritage Fund.

The Priority II Grant, received from the State of New Hampshire, Division of Historical Resources, has allowed the Commission to seek proposals for mechanical and electrical design plans. Work is underway reviewing materials and when an architect and design firm are selected, phase II restoration work will move into high gear.

The Historic District Commission envisions a busy year ahead as restoration, preservation, supervision and education continue on the Commission’s agenda. Our work has been made much easier and more effective by the cooperation of many different people and groups. To all, we say thanks and we look forward to another profitable year of work and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Porritt
Vice Chairman

PUBLIC WORKS

I am pleased to submit my second annual report for the Department of Public Works. The past year has seen many changes in the department. After 23 years of distinguished service to the Town, Armand LaBrie retired from his position as the Assistant Director. I would like to thank Armand for all of his help and support and wish he and his wife Jackie well as they enter this new phase of their lives.

We had a very busy year. Although the winter of 1998 was fairly mild, we did work at roadside brush clearing and got an early jump on culvert replacements in preparation of summer road construction and paving. Everything was progressing nicely when the June rains came. We experienced severe flooding and washouts. The cleanup from these rain events set us back about six weeks in our construction schedule. Despite the setback we managed to complete the remaining portion of the Wallace Road Reconstruction. We also reconstructed sidewalks on Mill Street and School Street. On these two streets we constructed the sidewalks out of concrete with a brick highlight. This change was an attempt to build a more durable and aesthetically pleasing sidewalk which would blend in with the recent work done at the new Rotary Park.

I would like to take an opportunity to commend the Goffstown Rotary for the work done to make that new park a beautiful addition to the downtown village. There are several efforts under way to enhance the village, such as, the rehabilitation of the Town Common and hopefully the Main Street Program. As the department responsible for maintaining the infrastructure in Town, which contributes so much to the visual image of the Town, I applaud these efforts and hope many people will get involved.

Last year we achieved a great deal of paving around Town. Hand-in-hand with the paving we did an unprecedented amount of drainage work on these roads to try to extend the return for the investment. We also instituted a crack-sealing program which was very successful and should further extend the life of the pavement overlays that we do. We will continue our efforts in long-term planning through the use of our computerized Road Surface Management System to achieve the maximum results with the investments being made into the Town's roadway infrastructure.

In Solid Waste, last year saw the construction of the scale house and the institution of a new fee structure at the Transfer Station. The new program has been very successful even though it did not generate the anticipated revenues. The presence of the scale has dropped the waste stream down to 900 tons per year for oversized bulk waste, which is far below the anticipated 1,845 tons. The savings in expenditures has achieved the results we had hoped for. One significant problem in solid waste that will face the Town in the next year is the rising costs for curbside recycling. The current contract allows for negotiated price increases if we wish to continue the contract. The cost went up approximately 40%. A new re-

quest for proposals will be sent out next year which will give the community a chance to explore new recycling options.

The landfill closure design is still progressing on a schedule that will lead to a final design being submitted in 1999 with actual closure construction occurring in the year 2000. Currently, we are pursuing a reuse for the closed landfill that would provide several athletic fields. Many different alternatives were investigated, but the Landfill Reuse Committee recommended, and the Board of Selectmen approved, athletic ballfields as the reuse alternative to pursue. If we can successfully design the fields into the closure plan and receive approval from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, it will become a great asset to the Pinardville area as well as the youth in the whole Town.

Next season will be extremely busy for the Department of Public Works. As mentioned above, we need to finalize the plans for the landfill closure. We will also be working to finish the improvements to the Mast Road corridor in Pinardville. We hope to widen the road from College Road to Shop 'n Save as suggested in the Corridor Study. We will be reconstructing the Parker Road Bridge. This project was originally planned for 1998 but the state funding was not available until 1999. We will also be working on a design for the rehabilitation of the Main Street Bridge. The structure was deemed to be sound, however, the historic structure is in desperate need of some aesthetic rehabilitation. The money for design is in the 1999 budget with construction being pursued in the year 2000. As with all of our bridge work, 80% of the cost will be reimbursed by the Municipal Bridge Aid program.

Perhaps the most significant project that we hope to accomplish next year is to begin relocation to a new Public Works Facility. The current facility, located on Depot Street, is undersized and cannot meet many of the current environmental and life safety codes. Much work and many compromises have been made in planning the new facility. The new location will be on Elm Street behind the Transfer Station. The current plan is to construct a new salt shed and begin work on the new facility. We hope to get far enough along to satisfy EPA and NHDES inspectors that we are making a good faith effort to relocate as soon as possible. Much of the work will be done with in-house expertise where possible. We hope that the community will see its way clear to help us accomplish this relocation in a timely way with as little burden on the taxpayer as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl L. Quiram, PE
Director of Public Works

SOLID WASTE COMMISSION

1998 was a year of great success for the Goffstown Solid Waste Commission (GSWC). The most significant change was the addition of the scale house to the Transfer Station. The scale and fee system was instituted in response to a dramatic increase in the amount of Oversized Bulky Waste (OBW) deposited at the Transfer Station. Everything that comes into the Transfer Station (except recyclables and household garbage) is weighed and charged at the rate of \$0.05 per pound. Since the installation of the scale, the amount of OBW coming in has decreased almost fifty percent.

The opening of the "Treasure Trailer" was also a great success. Instead of dumping items that are still useable or in working order, residents bring these items to the Treasure Trailer. These items are sold to the community for a small donation. Between April and October of 1998, the Treasure Trailer added \$1,131.27 to Goffstown's General Fund. The Treasure Trailer not only reduces the amount of waste, but also offers residents a chance to find a bargain. The Treasure Trailer is staffed by members of the GSWC. Volunteers are welcome. We will re-open the Treasure Trailer on Saturdays in the Spring of 1999. Look for announcements at the Transfer Station.

Our goals for 1999 are to increase recycling, to educate residents about solid waste issues and to organize an Earth Day Celebration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Conroy
Chairman



L-R: Barbara Perkins, Christopher Conroy (Chair), Kilton Barnard, Barbara Barbour, Russ Lauriat (Advisor), Barbara Griffin (Sel. Rep.). Missing: Ezra Beck, Bruce Hunter (Alt. Sel. Rep.) and Paul LaPerle

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Goffstown Police Department handled 17,130 calls for service during 1998, versus 15,965 in 1997 an increase of 7.3%. **There were 2800 criminal and motor vehicle arrests made during 1998, an average of 7.7 per day.**

You will find a statistical summary of complaints and arrests at the end of this report, along with a comparison to 1997's activities. Several categories are noteworthy.

Motor vehicle accidents decreased by 11% with 632 reported in 1998, compared to 712 in 1997. The number of accidents involving personal injury decreased from **84 in 1997 to 81 in 1998**; tragically, there was **one** fatal accident which resulted in **1 death** during 1998.

In reported crimes against persons, there was good news, and bad news. While child abuse/neglect cases declined, instances of domestic violence, and other juvenile offenses increased. Such crimes are more labor intensive, and more costly to investigate, and have greater impact community wide, than property crimes.

Assault complaints decreased 24%; from 377 in 1997 to 288 in 1998. Child abuse and neglect cases totaled 53 in 1997, 9 in 1998. Sexual assaults increased from 19 to 20. Criminal threat reports increased from 9 in 1997 to 10 in 1998; harassment incidents totaled 136, and there were 3 robberies in 1997, 2 in 1998.

The number of reported narcotics/drug offenses increased over 17%, from 101 in 1997, to 118 in 1998. However, the number of arrests for drug offenses decreased from 51 in 1997 to 46 in 1998. In concert with the NH Drug Task Force, the Manchester Police Department, the State Police and the Drug Enforcement Agency, the department continues to place a high priority on drug interdiction efforts.

There were modest changes in the number of reported property crimes. Burglaries decreased from 61 in 1997, to 49 in 1998. Thefts declined slightly, while criminal trespass complaints totaled 134.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

As we reported last year, the increase in the reported number of Domestic Violence cases may be the result of several factors. Clearly, New Hampshire has devoted increased attention and services, to the disturbing nature of violence in the home. This continues to be an area of concern to law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

The department handled 230 incidents of domestic violence during 1998 compared to 210 in 1997. This is an increase of 8.7%.

The department will continue to use every resource available, including victim/witness support measures, to assist in deterring criminal behavior in the home.

NOTED WORK AND PROGRAMS

The tragic loss of life from a motor vehicle accident is traumatic, both on the community, and on a very personal level, for the family. Our hearts go out to the families of these victims. Because many accidents are preventable, we will continue to do all we can to keep our streets and highways safe, including the continuation of a "firm but fair" motor vehicle enforcement policy. Our motor vehicle enforcement actions increased 27% in 1998, over 1997 levels. Much of this was the result of specific targeted action – called **directed patrols** – at problem intersections, and in response to factors which contribute to accidents, such as following too closely.

The department continues its community policing efforts – working with individuals, neighborhoods, and community groups to prevent and deter problems before they occur. During the warmer months, the bicycle and motorcycle patrols are out whenever possible.

DARE Officers Pierre Pouliot and Dave Moloney teach the drug and violence prevention DARE curriculum, in the sixth grades during the school year.

The Department added a new program this year in an effort to enhance the service it provides to the people of Goffstown. The **Volunteer Program** started in April of 1998, and has continued to grow through the efforts of ten dedicated volunteers. In just eight months, the volunteers accumulated over 800 hours, helping the Prosecutor with witnesses in court, performing clerical work, answering the business phone, assisting with crime prevention programs, and other projects. We appreciate and thank our volunteers, including our Law Enforcement Explorers, for the real commitment they have made to the community.



Bike Officer Tracy Culberson and Patrol Officer Robert Browne fingerprint children at a "Safety Day" co-sponsored by the Goffstown Police Association and a local insurance company. These programs are part of the department's community policing efforts promoting child safety.

COMMUNICATIONS

Our communications department serves as a police, fire, and emergency medical dispatch center for the Town. In addition, it provides contractual services to the New Boston Police and Fire Departments, and the Weare Police and Fire/Rescue Service. Goffstown derives approximately \$37,632 in annual income from these contracts.

The center operates 24 hours a day and handles over 550,000 radio transmissions; 88,000 phone calls and 195,000 teletype and computer messages, which generates in excess of 20,000 calls for service each year. The center is fully accessible to the hearing impaired.

During 1995, Statewide 911 service became available. From a single answering point in Concord NH, 911 operators route police, fire and emergency medical calls to our dispatcher immediately. The “enhanced” service allows the 911 operator to immediately “see” the address and subscriber information from the call’s origin.

The Town is in the final stages of its upgrade of the town-wide communications system. The new tower and electronics hut on the mountain are performing to expectations, and the efficacy of the trunked communications system was demonstrated in December of 1998.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The police department also handles the emergency management function. Our mission is to maintain and coordinate the Town’s emergency readiness capabilities, in case of a natural or man-made disaster.

Both the police and fire departments worked with the school district in 1998 to update their emergency and school safety plans. Captain Shawn Murray of the Fire Department, who also serves as the Deputy Emergency Management Director, updated the entire Emergency Operations Plan for the community. Copies of the plan are available at Town Hall and the Library.

STATISTICS

INCIDENTS/OFFENSES

Complaint Category:	1997	1998	% Change +/-
ACCIDENTS:			
Accidents w/Injury	84	81	-3.6%
Fatalities	2	1	-50.0%
Hit & Run Accidents	68	64	-5.9%
Investigated	520	459	-11.7%
Reported not Investigated	192	153	-20.3%
Total Accidents:	712	633	-11.1%
CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS:			
Assaults	377	288	-23.6%
Child Abuse/Neglect	53	30	-43.4%
Criminal Threat	84	81	-3.6%
Domestic Violence	217	231	6.5%
Harassment	149	136	-8.7%
Homicide & Attempted Homicide	0	1	100.00%

Indecent Exposure	4	3	-25.0%
Narcotics Complaints	101	118	16.8%
Other Juvenile Offenses	285	285	0.0%
Tobacco Violations	102	66	-35.3%
Sexual Assaults	19	18	-5.3%
Robbery Complaints	3	2	-33.3%
Total Crimes Against Persons:	1292	1259	-2.6%

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY/OTHER:

Alarms	763	831	8.9%
Arson	2	4	100.0%
Burglaries	61	49	-19.7%
Civil	287	294	2.4%
Courtesy Calls	1788	1762	1.5%
Crime Prevention	366	405	10.7%
Criminal Mischief	410	337	-17.8%
Criminal Trespass	182	134	-26.4%
Disorderly Conduct	120	144	20.0%
Dog/Animal Complaints	520	514	-1.2%
Driving While Intoxicated	207	180	-13.0%
Escape	0	0	0.0%
Found Property	160	175	9.4%
Liquor Law Violations	120	138	15.0%
Lost Property	78	47	-39.7%
Missing Persons	25	27	8.0%
Motor Vehicle Complaints	697	576	-17.4%
Motor Vehicle Enforcement	4444	6070	36.6%
Motor Vehicle Thefts	8	12	50.0%
Noise Complaints	221	279	26.2%
Police Information	4	3	-0.25%
Runaways	55	61	10.9%
Suicide (includes attempts)	40	24	-40.0%
Sudden Deaths	7	8	14.3%
Suspicious Persons	253	200	-20.9%
Suspicious Vehicles	217	226	-4.1%
Thefts	463	412	-11.0%
All Other Complaints	5195	4497	-13.4%
Total Offenses:	18697	19229	2.8%

ARRESTS & SUMMONSES

Motor Vehicle Arrests:	1997	1998	% Change +/-
Speed	606	889	46.7%
DWI	76	60	-21.1%
Oper. After Revo.	54	48	-11.1%
Reckless Operation	10	3	-70.0%
Non-Inspection	189	219	15.9%
Other M/V Offenses	520	523	58.0%
Total Motor Vehicle Arrests:	1455	1742	19.7%
Written Warnings(not arrests):	3048	3100	1.7%
Combined Total M/V Activity:	4503	4842	7.5%

Criminal Arrests:	1997	Juv.	1998	Juv.	% Change +/-
Homicide & Attempted Homicide	0	0	1	0	100.0%
Negligent Homicide	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Kidnapping	3	0	3	0	0.0%
Assault	168	33	132	37	-21.4%
Arson	1	0	0	0	-100.0%
Escape	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Larceny	54	22	60	20	11.1%
Burglary	3	1	13	12	333.3%
Disorderly Conduct	16	2	4	0	-75.0%
Criminal Mischief	21	5	23	7	9.5%
Narcotics	51	11	60	23	17.6%
Forgery	1	0	0	0	-100.0%
Resisting Arrest	3	0	2	2	-33.3%
Criminal Liability	0	0	1	1	100.0%
Other Criminal Offenses	351	51	760	59	116.5%
Total Criminal Arrests:	927	107	1058	137	14.1%
Total Enforcement Activity	5430		5900		8.7%
Total Activity Combined:	24127		24849		3.0%

Finally, please allow me this opportunity to thank you for the privilege of having served as your Chief. This is my last annual report, since my retirement was effective December 31, 1998.

I began my career with the Goffstown Police Department in 1969, as a part time dispatcher while still in High School. It was not originally my intention to become a police officer, but while attending St. Anselm College, I got hooked. No doubt, this was because of the extraordinary men and women with whom I've worked over the years, for they are the ones who have made the Goffstown Police Department a unique agency. I hope that I have given back as much as I have received.

As long as the community continues to support the people who care for all of us, the department will continue to be an effective force in the delivery of service, and the prevention of crime. This will ensure that Goffstown remains a great place to live and work; and as I have said in nearly every Town Report, **please remember – the prevention of crime and safety of the community, is everyone's responsibility.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Monier
Chief of Police

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our emergency responses this year are down approximately 3% from last year. However, it was a reduction in mutual aid calls to other communities that accounted for most of the decrease. Emergency Medical Services continue to grow with a 6% increase over 1997. Medical emergencies continue to grow with the aging population and changes in health care management.

1998 HIGHLIGHTS

The Department highlights for 1998 included personnel changes and equipment improvements. The year started off with the promotion of several call firefighters to the rank of Lieutenant. These new officers have created an improved span of control and supervision at the scene of an emergency. They are essential in building a sustained field of personnel to promote to upper level positions.

Engine 2 at the Church Street station was completely refurbished. This included a complete removal of rust and deteriorated metal, new pump valves, new personnel seats, reconfiguration of the compartments and new paint. This has not only extended the life of the apparatus but it now serves our needs more effectively. We fully expect to get an additional ten years service from this rebuilt apparatus.

A replacement engine at the Pinardville station has been ordered. The bid was awarded to Valley Fire Apparatus in Bradford NH. Even though the chassis has been ordered since July, 1998 it will not be delivered until July of 1999. This is due to an inadequate supply of automatic transmissions. We would expect to have the completed truck delivered in late Fall of 1999.

Several of our officers and aspiring officers completed the Certified Fire Officer Program. This was the first time that this course was offered during nights and weekends by the New Hampshire Fire Standards Commission. This made it more available to the volunteer and call firefighters that serve this region. It was done in cooperation with the Souhegan Fire Mutual Aid Association, of which we are a part.

Our record keeping system has become fully computerized with eight computers distributed in all three fire stations. Both full-time and call officers have been trained in their use. It is anticipated that this will help the accuracy and completeness of information needed to help serve the community better.

The DA Taggart shed was spruced up this year with the generous service of an Eagle Scout candidate, Jeremy Gendron. Jeremy is a scout with local Troop 99. The project included a complete new roof, drainage around the building and some additional lighting.

FIRE PREVENTION

The Goffstown Fire Department takes an active role in assisting Goffstown businesses and residences in providing safe facilities. This is done in the form of code enforcement, education in the schools and life safety inspections. Even though, the number of structure fires is up slightly over last year, I feel that these efforts are paying off. Code enforcement and compliant building construction help assure that serious fire problems do not develop in Goffstown. It is cost effective and safe fire fighting.

Property owners are reminded that State law requires a written permit to kindle an outside fire. The only exception is when the ground is snow covered. Please call the fire station for permit information or log on to the Goffstown website, www.Goffstown.com, for further detail.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Our Emergency Medical Services Division has had limited volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians available for nighttime staff. Those EMTs in the Village performed double and triple duty to get the job done. However, a consorted effort was made to recruit and train additional personnel. In a cooperative effort Optima Health and the GFD provided an EMT course with 15 new graduating volunteers. The new personnel will work on our two ambulances beginning in early 1999.

In addition, our advanced life support capability has been expanded. Five new EMTs completed the Intermediate course and are currently providing this advanced care. In addition, during weekdays and on more emergent calls, we have one paramedic that is dispatched, along with the ambulance, wherever the call may occur.

The Goffstown Emergency Medical Services Association (GEMSA) continues to provide the funding for our EMS needs. They reimburse the Town for the direct expense of operating two ambulances. Currently, they are raising money for the refurbishing of the ambulance in the Village. This vehicle was originally built with the intent of placing a new chassis under the modular aluminum box. In the next few years the Pinardville ambulance will need replacing and GEMSA is committed to fund this project also. If you have benefited from the service provided by our EMTs, you should realize that most of that benefit is supported by this fund-raising organization. Please contribute as you can and make checks payable to GEMSA, 18 Church St. Goffstown, NH, 03045.

TRAINING

Our Training Officer is dedicated to providing a wide variety of training programs. We offer monthly in-house training sessions. These classes help maintain the firefighters' proficiency in all areas of firefighting from pump operations to search and rescue. We also take part in other training resources such as mutual programs and the NH Fire Academy. Some of our staff officers have attended the National Fire Academy in Maryland and returned with fresh insights and expanded programs.

Our department makes every effort to keep pace with the growing responsibilities of the fire service. With the recent problems of terrorism, biological weapons and bomb threats new concerns are addressed in the nations fire departments. During any of these situations a full complement of emergency services are dispatched. A complete understanding of an incident's potential, and how to respond, will make the public and responders safer and more effective.

RECRUITMENT

Recruiting call firefighters is challenging for today's fire service. Our Department makes an on going effort to attract both men and women into our organization. Each new applicant is placed into a recruit training program which is available without making a commitment. The dual purpose of the program is to develop a person into a functional firefighter and to allow the recruit to explore his/her compatibility with fire service.

Any Goffstown resident, 18 years of age and in excellent health is welcome to apply for a position at any of our three fire stations. You may call Monday through Friday from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm for an application or additional information.



On 7/16/98 we lost Lt. Don Pare. A dedicated firefighter and EMT, Don passed away while recreational diving off the coast of Maine, something he loved to do. He is missed by family, friends, fellow firefighters and the Town of Goffstown.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES BY CLASSIFICATION

	1996	1997	1998
Aid, Mutual	93	100	66
Alarms, Accidental	59	63	48
Alarms, Malfunctions	105	117	102
Alarms, False	15	21	18
Bomb Threats	0	2	4
Burning, Illegal	16	27	23
Calls, Good Intent	52	33	41
Calls, Miscellaneous	22	10	7
Calls, Service	149	102	92
Calls, Smoke Investigation	56	75	63
CO Related Calls	—	34	15
Fires, Brush	21	17	22
Fires, Chimney	10	13	8
Fires, Structure	27	23	29
Fires, Vehicle	14	14	11
Hazardous Mat'l Incidents	47	33	34
Hazards, Electrical	82	18	32
Medical Emergencies	659	741	783
TOTAL RESPONSES	1427	1443	1398

*Recent Graduates of NH Certified Company Officer Program*

L-R Front Row: Dennis Pinard, Steve Roberts, Paul Sirois

L-R Center Row: Eric Battey, Gillis Upton, Pat Edwards, Carl Braley, Mark

Lemay; L-R third row: Chief Edward Hunter, Bill Connor, Helen Martineau.

TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests in New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local Fire Warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1998)

<u>FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY</u>		<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>	
Belknap	44	Smoking	59
Carroll	89	Debris Burning	38
Cheshire	67	Campfire	29
Coos	18	Power Line	14
Grafton	43	Railroad	9
Hillsborough	232	Equipment Use	24
Merrimack	108	Lightning	16
Rockingham	121	Children	95
Strafford	64	OHRV	6
Sullivan	12	Miscellaneous	53
		Unknown	140
		Fireworks	6
		Arson/Suspicious	16
		Illegal	231
		Rekindle	43
		Disposal of ashes	19
TOTAL FIRES	798		
TOTAL ACRES	442.86		

PARKS & RECREATION

1998 was an exciting year for the Parks & Recreation Department. The expansion of the Recreation Center has given us the flexibility and needed space to better serve the community. With the new addition we have already added new programs as well as allowed established programs to grow. After two months of use the building is being used Monday through Friday during the day and evening. Saturday usage for special events and youth activities is now taking place. Community groups such as Goffstown Junior Baseball, Babe Ruth Baseball, Goffstown Youth Football, and the Mt. Uncanoonuc Snowmobilers are now meeting in the Commissioners' meeting room. Total usage is up 4% over last year as we are able to have more than one group meeting in the facility at one time. It has been exciting to see the enthusiasm of the people using the facility.



L-R: Robert Draper, D. Michael McKinnon, Lionel Cullerot, David French (Director), Susan Tucker (Chairman), Claude LaRoche, Richard Fletcher (Budget Committee Rep.), Paul Smith (Vice Chair), Bruce Hunter (Sel. Rep.) Missing: Michael Ryan

I want to take this opportunity to again thank the members of the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Board of Selectmen on naming the new community room in my honor. This honor is something that I share with my family as well as the people of Goffstown. It has been with your support that the Parks & Recreation Department has prospered.

Also, this year we worked with a tremendous group of volunteers that resulted in the new skateboard park. Although we still have Phase II to do in the Spring of 1999, the use of the facility has been tremendous. Skateboarders now have a safe place to go. Individuals, companies and skateboarders themselves helped make this a reality. Special thanks to Bill

Exner, Jo Szlyk, Dennis Sweeney, Jody Ducharme, Maureen Camire and all the other volunteers who helped with the new Recreation Center and Skateboard facility. John E. Neville, John A. Brown, Rol-Rite Paving, Nu-Wave Electric, R.T. Coughlin, Don Gruden, Blue Ribbon Fencing and all the other volunteers who helped to make these two facilities a reality.

Also, organizations in this community such as The Odd Fellows Webster Lodge #24, Goffstown Rotary Club, Lions Club, Pinardville Booster Club and Pam Manney, Goffstown All-Sports Booster Club, Tri-Town Soccer, Goffstown Junior Baseball, Police Association, Tae Kwon Do Karate Club, Goffstown Friends of Recreation, and the Mt. Uncanoonuc Snowmobilers have all contributed to successful projects this year.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the Police, Fire and Public Works departments for all their help this year. A special acknowledgment to Carl Quiram and Armand Labrie at DPW for their help with the Recreation Center project and to Town Hall staff for their cooperation this year.

I would also like to acknowledge and extend my appreciation to the Budget Committee for their support. A special note of thanks to Superintendent of Schools Darrell Lockwood and the principals of each school for their support and cooperation in the use of school facilities for community recreation.

Many thanks to all of our volunteer sports coaches and referees. A special note of appreciation to Doug Millard, Mark Collins, Chip Sennett, and Bob Corson for their work with our boys' basketball travel teams, and to Bill Sullivan for his contributions in the girls' basketball program.

Special recognition to Heidi Leighton, Ann Beltz, David Turner, Peter Daniels, Kim McCann, summer staff and Brad Parkhurst for their efforts.

In closing, thank you for your support of the Parks & Recreation Department. We will continue to develop the best possible positive recreation programs and facilities for your use.

Respectfully Submitted,

David L. French
Director

PROGRAMS & PARTICIPATION LEVELS

PROGRAM	1996	1997	1998
Activity Period	128	210	115
Activity Period, Summer	91	63	65
Aerobics, Morning	70	50	50
Aerobics, Night	230	135	75
Arts & Crafts	197	125	210
Awards Night (4 times/yr.)	650	810	815
Ballet (3 times per week)	130	175	190
Ballet Recital	—	—	300
Basketball, Boys	282	288	292
Basketball, Boys Exhibition Night	30	—	—
Basketball, Boys Travel Team	12	—	24
Basketball, Girls* additional league	62	61	91
Basketball, Girls Travel Team	—	—	13
Basketball, Instructional	55	70	72
Basketball, Mens	45	45	45
Basketball, Mens 30 +	—	60	65
Basketball, Summer	20	40	32
Biking	—	35	—
Bowling Days (3)	—	265	—
Canoeing	12	—	—
Cheerleading	100	100	70
Christmas in August	75	103	85
Clown Day	80	100	75
Concert in the Park/Rotary Club Cookout	120	175	260
Cookout Program	160	190	195
Country & Western Dance	40	—	—
Dirty Sneaker Award	70	95	91
Dog Obedience	200	—	—
Easter in July	125	285	150
Family Skating Night	75	85	200
Field Trips	400	210	210
Fishing Day	20	55	40
Field Day at Barnard Park	173	150	150
Field Day at Roy Park	—	150	150
Foul Shooting Contest	—	148	148
Goffstown Gallop	226	235	238
Great Pumpkin Hunt	200	200	200
Gymnastics	100	145	155
Halloween in July	—	92	94
Handicap Awareness Day	60	65	—
Hiking, Fall	8	15	12
Jazz Dancing	14	10	18
Karate	—	—	70
Kidspop Concert	—	100	—
Magic Show	—	125	—
Mystery Trip	40	40	40
Open Gym	35	80	95
Peanut Carnival	210	275	100
Photography Classes	30	—	—
Pickle Ball Tourney	25	65	60
Recycling Day	150	175	—
Scavenger Hunts	150	150	—

PROGRAM	1996	1997	1998
Senior Citizen Day	100	100	100
Senior Citizen Trip (2)	45	80	80
Senior Citizen Movie	40	45	65
Soccer, Jr.	140	150	152
Soccer, Summer	20	—	—
Softball, Girls (Majors)	120	90	98
Softball, Girls (Minors)	70	125	158
Softball, Instructional	45	60	75
Softball, Summer	106	170	185
Special Events, Summer	—	—	367
Special Night	80	—	50
Staff Day	30	30	30
Summer Photo Day	40	—	—
Summer Youth Track Nite	100	—	148
Swimming Lessons	567	603	628
Tennis Tournament	25	—	12
Tennis, Youth	54	57	84
Tennis, Women's (Fall)	15	—	—
Track, Evening Youth	—	200	—
Track & Field, Hershey	50	29	38
Trichester Bicycle Show	150	—	—
Volleyball, Adult	45	50	58
Water Polo	—	35	45
Whiffle Ball Tourney	30	60	81
Yoga	—	—	8
TOTAL	6,772	7,934	7,822

FACILITIES

RECREATION CENTER

Groups using French Community Room: Karate, Gymnastics, Ballet, Adult Jazz Dancing, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Summer Programs, Special Events, Youth Sports registration.

Groups using the Commissioners' Meeting Room: Mt. Uncanoonuc Snowmobilers, Goffstown Junior Baseball, Goffstown Babe Ruth Baseball, Goffstown Youth Football, Yoga

Skating Rink & Picnic Area

BARNARD PARK

John Brown Track & Field
Tennis Courts (4)
Stark Memorial Swimming Pool
Playground Area
Basketball Courts
Outdoor Volleyball Area

ROY PARK

Tennis Courts (3)
Softball/Baseball Field
Basketball Court
Playground Area
Roy Memorial Swimming Pool

		1996	1997	1998
Pool Attendance:	Barnard Pool	8,859	10,979	11,018
	Roy Pool	3,911	7,428	7,480
	Total	12,770	18,407	18,498

SKATEBOARD PARK

Located on Church Street; open dawn to dusk for skateboarders.

PUBLIC LIBRARY



L-R: Kenneth Rose, Mark Choquette, Cathleen Ball (Vice Chair), Marsha Ciardullo (Acting Director), William Exner, Ricci Allard, Carolyn Benthien (Chairman). Missing: Barbara Griffin (Selectman and Trustee)

1998 was a year of major transition for the Goffstown Library. Janet Bartel's fourteen year career as Library Director ended. In early June, Janet Sherwood, a retired librarian from Hollis, NH was hired as a consultant to evaluate policies, procedures, the collection, staff organization and the physical space needs of the Goffstown Library. Janet Sherwood's contract ended in late September, leaving behind a significant number of observations and recommendations which assisted the Trustees and staff throughout the fall and will continue to do so well into the future.

In late October the Trustees began the search process for a new director. In December, Dianne Hathaway from Weare, New Hampshire was hired. Dianne was previously Reference Librarian for the Merrimack Library in Merrimack, NH. She officially began her duties January 2, 1999.

In spite of the difficult challenges of 1998, the Goffstown Library experienced growth in circulation and programming. On July 1 we became a participant in the Common Card program with neighboring libraries. Any area resident, holding a Goffstown Library card, may use it at all participating libraries in the area and vice versa.

The Trustees owe significant appreciation to the current staff at the library and particularly to Marsha Ciardullo, Children's Librarian, who served as Interim Director from October through December. Without the steadfast support of the staff and their genuine commitment to serving our patrons, the year would have been even more difficult. The Trustees also

want to express gratitude to the Friends of the Library for their ongoing support; our patrons, for their patience and loyalty; the many volunteers who assist the staff in running the Library; the Budget Committee and Selectmen; and to the staff at Town Hall who supported our efforts through a very difficult time.

We look forward to providing expanded and exciting services to the people of Goffstown in the years to come and welcome the ideas and suggestions of the people of our community.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Benthien, *Chair*
Goffstown Library Trustees

**GOFFSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY TRUSTEES
JANUARY 1, 1998 - DECEMBER 31, 1998**

REVENUE

Grants	115
Gifts/Donations	450
Programs - Literacy	65
Fines	3,730
Books	12
Fundraising	554
Interest	161
Dividends	3,450
Miscellaneous	81
TOTAL REVENUE	\$8,618

EXPENSES

Programs	90
Automation	919
Books	2,842
Periodicals	1,248
Fundraising	307
Miscellaneous	288
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,694
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	\$2,924

CABLE TELEVISION COMMUNITY ACCESS COMMITTEE

This past year has seen a big change in Public Access here in Goffstown. Dick Gagnon was hired as a part-time Public Access Coordinator whose main responsibilities are to recruit and train community volunteers, schedule patron use and maintenance of field and studio equipment, schedule programs and report monthly to the committee. His efforts have led to an increase in programming on GTV16.

We now have a weekly news show, "The Marie Boyle Show" which highlights the many exciting and noteworthy events going on in Goffstown. One of our local churches has come onboard to start airing their weekly services. We have a local production team called "Around Town" which is comprised of Goffstown residents JoAnn D'Avanza, James Fadden and Peter Georgantas. They have produced many shows this past year highlighting some of the various departments in our Town government. They intend to continue this year with the rest of the departments so that the public can be better informed about how our Town works. Interview shows like "Positive Spin" with host Tim Hogan and "Talking With..." have highlighted a few of the many good people in our Town. We were fortunate enough this past summer to be able to show many of the Babe Ruth tour-



*L-R Front Row: Marie Boyle, Suzanne Tremblay, Sue Desruisseaux (Gov. Advisor)
L-R Back Row: Doug Gove, Donald Gagnon (Vice Chair), James Pingree (Chairman),
James Fadden (Alt), Richard Gagnon (Station Coordinator). Missing: David Chabot,
Richard Gamache, Les Rosenthal (Educational Advisor).*

nament games because of our volunteers. "The Grizzlies' Den", a sports talk show with Dr. J. P. Michaud and Coach Dave Michaud, has given us a very good look at our Boys Varsity Basketball team and how each team member is doing week to week.

These are just a few shows that our volunteers have gone out and produced. Most of the shows were done without any previous production experience. That is what Goffstown Community Television is really all about. We are equipped with a great television studio, field equipment, and editing systems. We have people available to help you and to train you in producing your own show. If you are a Goffstown resident and have some ideas for shows, then we would like to hear from you. This coming year will see the addition of a couple of cooking shows, an internet surfing show, historical documentaries, more sports, and whatever else you might have in mind.

This past December also saw the incorporation of the Goffstown Friends of GTV that has been formed to help coordinate, train and organize our volunteers. It also is open to anyone who has an interest in supporting public access television via Goffstown Community Television. We are hoping the Friends will be a pool of resources, providing trained volunteers to fill-in as camera operators, editors, directors, etc. We urge everyone who has an interest in seeing GTV grow to checkout the Friends of GTV and see how you can be involved. Just stop in at the studio when we are open and talk with our Coordinator, Dick Gagnon and see how you can be involved.

The studio facility is located in Goffstown Area High School. You should go around to the back of the building and look for the GTV sign above our doors. We are open Monday through Thursday from 7 pm till 10 pm, other times by appointment only. You can call us at 497-5707. Watch for our website and email address on our Bulletin Board, channel 16.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Gagnon
Public Access Coordinator

CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL COMMITTEE

On March 23, 1998 MediaOne, as successor to United Cable Company, asked the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Goffstown to commence “renewal proceedings” relative to the Cable Television Renewal Franchise granted to United Cable on December 3, 1990. That franchise expires on December 3, 2000. The Board of Selectmen appointed a Cable Franchise Renewal Committee as a working group to commence and conduct the renewal proceeding pursuant to Section 626(a) of the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (the “1984 Act”), 47 USC 626(a)(2). Those proceedings require public input and participation relative to (A) identifying the future cable-related community needs and interests of the Town, and (B) reviewing the performance of MediaOne, and its predecessor, as the cable operator under the existing contract. In addition, the Committee has been authorized to accept submission on behalf of the Town of any renewal proposals submitted by MediaOne, and make such recommendations as may be appropriate for further action by the Board of Selectmen.

The Renewal Proceeding will last at least six (6) months culminating on February 21, 1999 (the “Submission Date” for MediaOne’s new franchise proposal. The Committee set the following schedule for input:

9/30/98 7:00 PM	Preliminary Meeting at Town Hall
11/4/98 7:00 PM	MediaOne Presentation to Committee at Town Hall
12/2/98 7:00 PM	Public Hearing at Goffstown High School
12/9/98 7:00 PM	Public Hearing at Bartlett Elementary School
1/18/99 7:00 PM	Public Hearing at Town Hall
2/10/99 7:00 PM	Pre-Submission Meeting with MediaOne at Town Hall
2/21/99 7:00 PM	MediaOne Renewal Proposal Due
3/10/99 7:00 PM	Post-Submission Meeting with MediaOne at Town Hall

The public was invited and encouraged to attend all meetings. In addition, the Committee submitted seventeen (17) information requests to MediaOne on August 21, 1998. MediaOne’s responses to those requests have been compiled in “Due Diligence” binders which are available for public review and comment at the following locations: (1) Town Hall, (2) Goffstown Library, (3) GTV16 at GHS, (4) Pinardville Fire Station #19, (5) St. Anselm College Library, and (6) all Renewal Committee Members.

After completion of the Town’s Renewal Proceeding and subject to timely receipt of a “Renewal Proposal”, the Town will commence a four (4) month “Section 626(c) Review” under the 1984 Act to determine whether to renew MediaOne’s cable franchise based upon the renewal proposal, or issue a preliminary assessment that the franchise not be renewed on that basis. Should the Section 626(c) Review result in a preliminary assessment to deny renewal, MediaOne and the Town may then commence the more formal “Administrative Proceeding” detailed in Section 626(c) (1) and (2).

For more information, please attend the meetings and public hearings scheduled by the Renewal Committee or contact Sue Desruisseaux at Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Goffstown, NH 03045, telephone 497-3616.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony Marts, *Chairman*

OFFICE OF YOUTH & FAMILY

Since the reopening of the coordinator's position with a gap of about six months the Office of Youth and Family Services has worked with 32 Goffstown families. The families were of varying composition from all areas of Goffstown. The coordinator saw 13 single mothers with children, two single fathers with children, 12 intact families, two grandparents with children, two relatives or friends with children and one adult. Two of the families reside in the Pinardville area, nine of the families came from the village area, five of the families come from the mountain area and 16 of the families come from the north side of the river.

The ages of the individuals served were quite diverse. The caseload consisted of 2 youths between the ages of 9-10, six between 11-12, six between 13-14, 9 between 15-16 and eight between 17-18.

Referrals came from several community services. One case came from a town lawyer, three cases came from the police department, 14 cases came from the Juvenile Services Officer, five came from the schools, three came from Goffstown Diversion, Three came own there own volition and one came from the Welfare Administrator. These cases came to the Youth and Family Services for a variety of presenting issues. Five came as a result of violent behaviors, six came due to drug or alcohol issues, seven had family problems, eight came for mentoring/self-esteem issues and five came because a history with theft.

The time of the coordinator was spent doing short term mentoring, crisis intervention, case management, acting as a referral service, youth/teen programming, supervising and locating projects for court order community service, attending various training and conferences, coordinating service delivery, developing new programs and being involved with the schools.

As far as programs are concerned, the coordinator was directly responsible for Open Gym which approximately 50 different youths attended since November, adventure programs with the Middle School alternative education classroom, one on one adventure based after school programs, movies on Friday nights and one workshop on teaching responsibility.

Ben Clapp, the new Youth and Family Services coordinator is located at the YMCA Allard Center. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to call him at 497-4663.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Clapp

Youth and Family Services Coordinator

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

General Assistance is financial assistance provided by the town on a short term basis to eligible households. Assistance with basic necessities such as food, shelter, utilities, medical or employment related expenses is issued through a voucher system. Eligibility is based on both financial and non-financial factors. General Assistance Guidelines are reviewed and updated annually.

The town is fortunate to have so many active community organizations which assist households in times of need. Food programs provided by Goffstown Network Food Pantry, SHARE, Salvation Army, Southern N.H. Services, St. Joseph Community Center, and Food Stamps contributed to a low food expenditure by the town. Clothing and household items were provided by the Clothes Vestree and Salvation Army while transportation was provided by the Goffstown Outreach Program. Fuel Assistance was available through Southern N.H. Services, Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program, Salvation Army, and the Clergy Association. The New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority and Greater Manchester Housing Authority provided housing assistance. The Manchester Community Health Center, Child Health Services, and Optima Health provided health services to uninsured and underinsured residents. The Lions Club assisted needy residents with eyeglasses and other medical needs. St. Matthew's Outreach Program and area churches continue to assist residents with a variety of financial needs. The Pinardville Booster Club generously assisted with dental care for the needy.

During 1998 the Town of Goffstown assisted 43 households and expended approximately \$25,114 (unaudited). This was a decrease of 15 households from 1997 which is an indication of a good economy and the lowest unemployment rate in years. Goffstown was reimbursed approximately \$15,925 by other agencies and recipients.

This office is closely monitoring the progress of computer software which will assist in developing a seamless delivery system for welfare and social services.

A sincere thank you to all the individuals and organizations who assist residents in need. Goffstown is truly a community of caring!

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Desruisseaux
Welfare/Support Services Administrator

DIRECT ASSISTANCE	1996	1997	1998
Employment Related	1,369	140	1,820
Food	415	379	415
Fuel	5,599	3,904	2,440
Medical	2,230	2,287	1,867
Rent	16,568	24,037	18,572
TOTAL	\$26,181	\$30,747	\$25,114
REIMBURSEMENTS	\$1,671	\$23,097	\$15,925

VITAL STATISTICS 1998

MARRIAGES

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE MARRIED
Jan. 17	Jeffrey T. Crocker Sherri L. Hebert	Goffstown Goffstown	Pembroke
31	James R. Untiet Annette Pinard	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
Feb. 7	Christopher B. Bryant Amanda E. Conley	Manchester Goffstown	Manchester
14	Matthew J. Fleming Amy Bartlett	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
14	Dennis G. Lacerte Brenda L. Simpson	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
17	Jules R. Rousseau Constance D. Rousseau	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
21	Tonu Sammelselg Jean Graziano	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
Mar. 4	Jonathan P. Downs Heather A. Brown	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
14	Robert J. Boisseau Caroline J. Johnson	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
21	David K. Overall Amanda K. Waterman	Goffstown Alton	Wolfeboro
22	Malcolm Wright Heidi A. Kace	Goffstown Goffstown	Weare
27	Gerard F. Lemire Michelle L. Fratini	Nashua Goffstown	Nashua
29	Jeffrey R. Pope Davin L. Williams	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
29	Robert Gonsalves Jr. Linda C. Martineau	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
Apr. 11	Robert Prohaska Kimberly M. Smith	Bennington, VT Goffstown	Rye
18	Beliveau, Dean L. Kathleen C. France	Manchester Goffstown	Manchester
18	Bradford N. Smith Denise Robichaud	Goffstown Goffstown	Candia
25	Brian S. Stanley Audrey J. Raymond	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
25	Mark E. Donnelly Wendy A. Beaudoin	Goffstown Goffstown	Merrimack

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE MARRIED
May	9 Robert P. Shea	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Ellen T. Shreve	Dunbarton	
	16 Jason M. Duhaime	Goffstown	Keene
	Lisa J. Ullman	Keene	
	16 John O'Brien	Goffstown	Manchester
	Jennifer A. Metivier	Goffstown	
	23 Raymond R. Labarre	Goffstown	Manchester
	Linda A. Rouleau	Goffstown	
	23 Will J. Welch	Goffstown	Hooksett
	Heather A. O'Brien	Manchester	
June	30 James J. Carney	Goffstown	Manchester
	Tracy L. Thibodeau	Goffstown	
	30 Derrick B. Labranche	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Kristie L. Jouvelakas	Goffstown	
	1 Adrian Latinak	Goffstown	Manchester
	Marla L. Jeffrey	Amherst	
	5 Robert G. Francoeur	Goffstown	Manchester
	Rita C. Scott	Dracut, MA	
	6 David S. Caron	Goffstown	Manchester
	Rebecca M. Daoust	Goffstown	
	13 Kevin P. Konieczny	Goffstown	Manchester
	Maureen A. Tanquay	Manchester	
	14 Robert I. Valentine	Fostoria, MI	Goffstown
	Joyce A. Yianakopolos	Goffstown	
	14 Russell S. Vanderhorst	Goffstown	Laconia
	Carolyn C. Brooks	Goffstown	
	25 Anthony G. Staiti	Goffstown	Manchester
	Karen R.e McKay	Goffstown	
	27 John J. Coskren	Goffstown	Manchester
	Dawn R. Mercier	Goffstown	
	27 Donald Helie	Goffstown	Londonderry
	Catherine M. Beaudry	Goffstown	
	28 David M. Resnick	Goffstown	Bedford
	Lori C. Godin	Goffstown	
July	4 Bernhard G. Appel	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Starr R. Vincent	Goffstown	
	5 Josey Cooper	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Nicole D. Dame	Goffstown	
	11 Marc A. Hebert	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Rayna D. Doucet	Goffstown	
	18 David P. Crete	Goffstown	Manchester
	Katherine F. Dempsey	Goffstown	
	18 Anthony J. Davis	Goffstown	Londonderry
	Jill A. York	Goffstown	

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE MARRIED
July 18	Troy M. Hill	Goffstown	Manchester
	Kerri A. Barker	Goffstown	
18	John E. Peltonen	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Amy K. Feider	Brighton, MA	
18	Matthew J. Peterson	Goffstown	Manchester
	Elizabeth A. Barile	Goffstown	
25	William H. Dwire	Goffstown	Dunbarton
	Karen J. Bishop	Goffstown	
25	Michael J. Lawler	Goffstown	New Boston
	Linda A. Powers	Goffstown	
28	Christopher Simard	Goffstown	Manchester
	Jennifer L. Mason	Manchester	
Aug. 1	Edward F. Cannon, Jr.	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Joyce S. Audet	Goffstown	
8	Douglas H. Grant	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Debra Gagne	Goffstown	
8	Steven L. Masse	Goffstown	Durham
	Michele A. Fahey	Grafton, MA	
8	Erik J. Malouin	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Erin L. Seavey	Manchester	
15	Brian W. Donovan	Goffstown	Hudson
	Mary K. Depres	Goffstown	
15	David S. Snow	Goffstown	New Boston
	Melanie A. Maas	Goffstown	
22	Aaron M. Plaza	Goffstown	Nashua
	Kenya E. Soucy	Goffstown	
22	Jeff G. Graybill	Goffstown	Dunbarton
	Paula M. Grenier	Goffstown	
22	Stephen D. Noonan	Goffstown	Bedford
	Helen A. Josef	Goffstown	
Sept. 5	Scott C. Cupples	Goffstown	Manchester
	Lynne A. Saucier	Goffstown	
5	Eric J. Ouellette	Goffstown	Auburn
	Lori L. Gobin	Goffstown	
12	Greyson B. Merrill	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Jennifer L. Hill	Weare	
12	Daryl R. Pigeon	Goffstown	Lincoln
	Michelle L. Grant	Goffstown	
12	Christopher C. St. Onge	Goffstown	Manchester
	Lisa P. Kimball	Goffstown	
12	Henry P. Welch, III	Goffstown	Bedford
	Tracy A. Bernard	Weare	
18	David B. Perry	Manchester	Manchester
	Heather L. Sheehan	Goffstown	

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE MARRIED
Sept. 19	Bruce S. Jukes Lisa J. Hyde	Goffstown Goffstown	Bedford
19	Scott A. Nalen Brandi L. Freitas	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
19	Ryan R. Rickenback Kelly E. Harper	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
20	Thomas G. Laroque Rene C. Meuse	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
21	Eric J. Provost Cynthia L. Stewart	Manchester Goffstown	Bedford
25	Robert A. Dahl Donna R. Milliken	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
26	Tracy M. Culberson Amy E. Spenla	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
26	Hans O. Whipple Jessica L. Stewart	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
30	Timothy Socha Kim Allard	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
Oct. 3	Jose L. Bolieiro Catherine J. Dziura	Allenstown Goffstown	Goffstown
3	Peter C. Grugnale Darlene J. Cote	Brooklyn, NY Goffstown	Goffstown
3	Paul Janas Joan E. Meikleham	Hooksett Goffstown	Goffstown
10	Jamie S. Ientile Amberly E. Lussier	Goffstown Goffstown	Hooksett
10	Ronald R. Phelps Trudy E. McAllister	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
10	Mark E. St. Laurent Lisa M. German	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
11	Michael E. Hinchee Lynn M. Hummel	Manchester Goffstown	Goffstown
23	Ryan K. Hobbs Dawn Lombardo	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
24	William H. Brown Kerri L. Goucher	Goffstown Goffstown	Portsmouth
24	Clexton Rooney Mary F. Dambach	Bedford Goffstown	Bedford
31	Jason M. Benoit Tiffany A. McCarty	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
31	Neil K. Harris Theresa G. Zacccone	Goffstown Nashua	Nashua
31	Robert A. Soucy Lisa A. Lambert	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE MARRIED
Nov. 7	Robert R. Walton	Goffstown	Manchester
	Jennifer C. O'Connor	Goffstown	
13	Lance A. Wilkinson	Goffstown	Amherst
	Billie L. Brosmer	Goffstown	
14	Brian S. Goodridge	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Kristen A. Lukosius	Goffstown	
14	Daniel R. Wilmot, Jr.	Goffstown	Londonderry
	Donna L. Davidson	Goffstown	
20	Ben Belanger	Goffstown	Goffstown
	Louise Wells	Goffstown	
29	Robert H. Hanson	So. Portland, ME	Manchester
	Dorothy G. Thompson	Goffstown	
Dec. 12	Bruce D. Frans	Goffstown	Salem
	Ann L. Harding	Goffstown	
19	Michael J. Neuman	Goffstown	Merrimack
	Jennifer C. Liss	Goffstown	
19	Raymond M. Prive	Goffstown	Bedford
	Gloria M. Cote	Goffstown	
19	Erik S. Strout	Raymond	Manchester
	Michelle L. Lamontagne	Goffstown	
26	Kevin E. Dee	Goffstown	Bedford
	Amy L. Boyer	Goffstown	

TOTAL MARRIAGES: 96

BIRTHS 1998

BIRTHDAY	NAME OF NEWBORN/NAME OF PARENTS	PLACE
Jan. 1	SYDNEY GRACE FORD	Goffstown
	Rand and Anna Ford	
2	LAUREN MARIE FOSTER	Manchester
	Mark and Lisa Foster	
2	CHRISTIAN MICHAEL HARE	Manchester
	Rudolf and Lynne Hare	
5	SEAN MICHAEL STIASNY	Manchester
	Ricky and Shannon Stiasny	
10	KASEY ANN POTVIN	Concord
	Alan and Kathleen Potvin	
12	ALEXANDER MARTIN WIEDERHOLD	Manchester
	Robert and Melissa Wiederhold	
14	SARAH KATE JACKSON	Manchester
	Kevin and Maureen Jackson	
15	SOPHIA THOMAN	Manchester
	Eric and Heather Thoman	

BIRTHDAY	NAME OF NEWBORN / NAME OF PARENTS	PLACE
Jan. 29	SYDNEY ELIZABETH DUDA Daniel and Sandra Duda	Manchester
29	MEGAN MARIE FLANDERS Douglas and Beth-Ann Flanders	Manchester
29	PAIGE MADISON KENNETT Robert and Jennifer Kennett	Manchester
29	DANIELL ELIZABETH LAFLAMME David and Diane Laflamme	Manchester
30	ANDREW REYNOLD CHALBECK Carl and Stephanie Chalbeck	Manchester
Feb. 3	KYLE MICHAEL CHARBONNEAU Frank and Ann Charbonneau	Manchester
5	CHRISTOPHER LOGAN ALLEN Lee and Kristin Allen	Manchester
9	JONATHAN THOMAS GALATI Victor and Carmela Galati	Manchester
12	SYDNEY ELIZABETH BREY Kevin Brey and Joy Gray	Nashua
21	SARAH ELIZABETH TUFTS Tim Tufts and Kimberly Remillard	Manchester
25	ALISSA MARIE LACHANCE Michael Lachance and Roberta Lemieux	Manchester
26	HANNAH FRANCIS LAROCHELLE Roch and Debbie Larochelle	Manchester
26	McKENZIE RAE SCHNEIDER Paul and Pamela Schneider	Manchester
March 2	OTIS BAXTER WHIPPLE Eric and Tracey Whipple	Concord
4	MICHAEL ROBERT CHAPUT Richard and Anita Chaput	Manchester
6	ALYSON RENE COTE Phillip and Elise Cote	Manchester
7	JARETT CHRISTIAN CHARTE Christian and Karen Charte	Manchester
10	MEGAN ELIZABETH BEAULIEU Donald and Jennifer Beaulieu	Manchester
19	JESSE FRANCIS LAROCHELLE Marc and Lisa Larochelle	Manchester
20	CORBIN STEELE BELIVEAU Randy Beliveau and Gioia Feick-Beliveau	Manchester
28	BRIANA NICOLE WHYNOTT Robert and Lisa Whynott	Manchester
29	REECE WHITEMORE DUNCKLEE Eric and Kathleen Duncklee	Manchester

BIRTHDAY	NAME OF NEWBORN / NAME OF PARENTS	PLACE
March 30	NICHOLAS DAVID STAFFORD David and Cherie-Lee Stafford	Manchester
	30 CHRISTOPHER THOMAS WHITTLE C. and Eileen Whittle	Manchester
April	5 KYLE LEE RICHARD Kenneth and Cathy Richard	Manchester
	5 ADAM PAUL ROBERT Paul and Cheri Robert	Manchester
	6 HANNAH KRISTEN DESILVA John and Heidi Desilva	Nashua
	7 NICHOLAS NORMAND VALLEE Normand and Cathy Vallee	Manchester
	10 JACOB ANDREW MORRISSETTE Mark and Cheryl Morrisette	Manchester
	10 JOHANNA NICOLE OSIECKI Peter Osiecki and Elizabeth Resta	Manchester
	16 MARIAH TAYLOR VOGLEY Michael and Michele Vogeley	Manchester
	17 GABRIELLE LYNN ORCIUCH Christopher and Karen Orciuch	Manchester
	20 SOPHIA HOLBROOK HINES Kurt and Jillian Hines	Manchester
	27 DAKOTA JAMES BROWN David and Kara-Lee Brown	Manchester
	28 MICHAEL BRUCE POOLER Bruce and Lynne Pooler	Manchester
	28 TREVOR JOHN SMITH John and Lisa Smith	Manchester
	28 TYLER ARTHUR SMITH John and Lisa Smith	Manchester
May	6 IAN JAMES ROUTHIER Jeffrey and Cheryl Routhier	Nashua
	11 KEELIN ANN DUNN Michael and Annemarie Dunn	Manchester
	13 RYAN ALLEN EDSALL Craig and Sonya Edsall	Manchester
	15 MIRANDA GAYLE RUMPH Stephen and Daiane Rumph	Manchester
	16 JACOB ALAN OVERALL David and Amanda Overall	Laconia
	19 CAMERON JAMES BOND Stephen and Tracy Bond	Manchester
	26 ADAM ROCK PINAULT John and Nicolle Pinault	Manchester

BIRTHDAY	NAME OF NEWBORN / NAME OF PARENTS	PLACE
May	27 RILEE-SHAYE MARY SCATA Dean and Lisa Scata	Manchester
	31 KEELIN ARYN KENDALL Phillip and Kathleen Kendall	Manchester
June	3 HANNAH RAE OLKOVIKAS Kenneth and Nicole Olkovikas	Manchester
	5 VINCENT RICHARD DOROW Jeffrey and Laureen Dorow	Manchester
	5 REBECCA LEA OLSON Steven and Joann Olson	Manchester
	7 HALEY ELIZABETH REED David and Renee Reed	Manchester
	11 HAILEY OLIVIA LEGASSE Scott and Brenda Legasse	Manchester
	18 DELANEY THERESE COLEGROVE Mark and Ellen Colegrove	Manchester
	19 ALEX LEE APOLITO Lee and Vicklylyn Apolito	Manchester
	23 KYLE STEVEN DAVIS James and Lori Davis	Manchester
	23 KATRINA MARIE ST. PIERRE David and Kathryn St. Pierre	Manchester
	26 NICHOLAS ROBERT PETERSON Robert and Micheline Davis	Manchester
July	29 KENDAL JOY ELITHORPE Michael and Susan Elithorpe	Manchester
	2 RIANNON MARY BEDDINGTON Thomas and Kristen Beddington	Manchester
	8 MONICA CELESTE MORIN Michael and Kimberly Morin	Manchester
	22 NOLAN LAWRENCE LACOMBE Lawrence and Patricia Lacombe	Manchester
	24 ISABELLE MARIE POLIQUIN Roy and Lynn Poliquin	Nashua
	24 REBECCA ANNE ZYLAK Thomas and Kathleen Zylak	Manchester
	30 BENJAMIN JOSEPH TABOR Joseph and Dawn Tabor	Manchester
	31 VAYDA DOLL McLANE Michael and Kristen McLane	Manchester
Aug.	1 DOMINIC RANDALL VETRONE Randall and Robin Vetrone	Manchester
	4 MAKAYLA LYNN FLEMING Matthew and Amy Fleming	Concord

BIRTHDAY	NAME OF NEWBORN / NAME OF PARENTS	PLACE
Aug.	8 LAUREN MARIE GAIERO Stephen and Anne Gaiero	Manchester
	13 SPENCER CHRISTIAN BECZ Sandor and Michelle Becz	Manchester
	13 MIKAYLA ALEXIS CARMILLA Timothy and Christina Carmilia	Manchester
	18 ALEXANDER BRENNAN GAMACHE Andre and Nancy Gamache	Manchester
	25 HUNTER PAUL MARCOUX Paul and Sandra Marcoux	Manchester
Sept.	5 JOSHUA NATHAN DOWNS Jonathan and Heather Downs	Nashua
	6 TAYLOR NOELLE PERRY Peter and Lisa Perry	Manchester
	8 MATTHEW ALAN MARTINEAU Alan and Danielle Martineau	Manchester
	9 CATHERINE ELISE CLOUTIER Raymond Cloutier and Deborah Kelly-Cloutier	Manchester
	10 NICOLE TAYLOR ST. LAURENT David and Laurie St. Laurent	Manchester
	12 AMANDA JEANNE LASALLE John and Tracy Lasalle	Manchester
	12 JENNIFER LYNN LASALLE John and Tracy Lasalle	Manchester
	13 MADISON MELENDY AMORELLI Marc and Margo Amorelli	Manchester
	14 SIERRA RAE BLONDEAU Raymond and Michele Blondeau	Manchester
	14 ALYSSA ROSE SAYKALY Wayne and Kristen Saykaly	Manchester
	15 THERESA LAUREN CARBONNEAU John and Laurie Carbonneau	Manchester
	20 NICHOLAS CHARLES OLLILA Robert Ollila and Robin Roy-Ollila	Manchester
	22 MATTHEW BERRY LAROCHELLE Kevin and Kimberly Larochelle	Manchester
	22 JOSEPH OSCAR GATELY Michael and Sonja Gately	Manchester
	23 JEFFREY DONALD GAMACHE Edward and Tammy Gamache	Manchester
	28 ALLYSON ELEANOR CURRAN Lawrence and Jennifer Curran	Concord
	30 DANIEL LEE FULLER Robert and Kelly Fuller	Manchester

BIRTHDAY	NAME OF NEWBORN / NAME OF PARENTS	PLACE
Oct. 2	TROY MICHAEL WOOTTEN Edward and Deborah Wootten	Derry
3	JORDAN ANN HAMMOND BERGERON Keith and Jennifer Beregeron	Manchester
6	MOLLY JOY MacNEILLY James and Joy MacNeilly	Manchester
7	TYLER JOHN PHILBRICK Jeremy and Rebecca Philbrick	Concord
8	COLTON BLAIS SEIDEL Duane and Sheila Seidel	Manchester
13	ARIEANA MARIE UPSHAW James and Margaret Upshaw	Concord
15	ELIZABETH MARY HEROD Gary and Kelly Herod	Manchester
16	MADYN FOSTER KENNEY Joseph and Kristen Pinard-Kenney	Manchester
17	SAMANTHA BRONIA KIMBALL Marc and Susanne Kimball	Manchester
29	MADELINE MACKENZIE KEITH Charles and Adriana Keith	Winchester, MA
Nov. 12	KATHERINE GIBSON MCKIM James McKim and Nancy Nichols	Manchester
13	DALTON ANDREW SAYBALL Ronald and Laura Sayball	Manchester
21	CHRISTINA ELIZABETH GUSTAFSON Eric and Cara-Elizabeth Gustafson	Manchester
22	MAGGIE MAGLEN FIFIELD Glen and Donna Fifield	Manchester
27	McHALE MOHAN BRIDGEMAN David and Kathleen Bridgeman	Manchester
30	GARRETT THOMAS GIFFORD Alan and Patricia Gifford	Manchester
30	SAMUEL SCOTT HEIDENREICH Scott and Gena Heidenreich	Manchester
Dec. 1	BRANDON JOSEPH WOOD Jason and Kathy Wood	Manchester
5	NOAH MAXWELL PACIK Craig Nelson and Deborah Pacik	Boston, MA
5	ALICE LOUISE BUTCHER Paul and Kelly Butcher	Manchester
9	EMILY JUDITH PARNELL Thomas and Susan Parnell	Manchester
17	TABITHA WHITNEY BASHA Christopher and Carrie Basha	Manchester

BIRTHDAY	NAME OF NEWBORN / NAME OF PARENTS	PLACE
Dec. 17	SARAH MICHELLE CROCKER Jeffrey and Sherri Crocker	Manchester
17	ALYSSA LYNN LOMBARDI Frederick and Donna Lombardi	Manchester
23	EMMA REBEKAH JENNINGS Peter and Nadine Jennings	Manchester
25	PAIGE VICTORIA SHAUGHNESSY John and Lois Shaughnessy	Manchester
25	KEARA OLIVIA SHAUGHNESSY John and Lois Shaughnessy	Manchester

TOTAL BIRTHS: 123

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	AGE	PLACE OF DEATH
Jan.	1 G. Raymond Mayberry	75	Manchester
	3 Evelyn L. Toli	67	Goffstown
	4 Gloria Y. Cimato	73	Goffstown
	6 Claire E. Wright	78	Manchester
	13 Vincenza DeGennaro	95	Goffstown
	14 Dan C. Lawson	43	Derry
	14 Gia Ly	33	Manchester
	22 Russell Dupre	45	Goffstown
	31 Norris B. Blixt	85	Goffstown
	31 Raymond L. Paradis	78	Manchester
Feb.	2 Walter C. Neuman	77	Manchester
	3 Wilbur Bullock	67	Manchester
	5 Pauline A. Duhaime	57	Manchester
	8 Ralph R. Dudley	88	Goffstown
	9 Ruth E. Burgess	76	Manchester
	9 Edna M. Colburn	84	Goffstown
	11 Walter C. Murray	58	Goffstown
	15 Evelyn M. Gabert	87	Goffstown
	15 Ralph W. Bull	79	Manchester
	17 Laurent Leblanc	70	Manchester
	24 Jennie M. Kehas	75	Manchester
	28 Robert D. Brabant	68	Manchester
Mar.	3 Alfred Buckley	76	Manchester
	4 Edward B. Batchelder	76	Manchester
	6 Robert L. Hickey	68	Manchester
	10 Loris S. Gustafson	71	Manchester
	11 Raymond Fellows	59	Manchester
	14 Gerald V. Weibel	85	Manchester

DATE	NAME	AGE	PLACE
March	16 Clement C. Dupuis	78	Manchester
	18 Eleanor K. Todd	77	Goffstown
	28 Clara R. Fagan	79	Manchester
	28 Edward J. Levasseur	77	Goffstown
April	3 Florence B. Vickery	88	Goffstown
	4 Robert J. Lambert	71	Goffstown
	5 Alphonse A. Carignan	89	Goffstown
	7 Harriet M. Davis	81	Goffstown
	18 Anna M. Therrien	75	Goffstown
	18 Irene V. Dumont	83	Manchester
	21 Isabelle E. Remillard	69	Goffstown
	22 Julien M. Larochelle	63	Manchester
	22 Stella A. Mallek	86	Goffstown
	25 Catherine A. Gillis	99	Bedford
	26 Lionel A. Courtemanche	67	Manchester
May	27 Helen L. Thompson	71	Goffstown
	3 Blanche E. Lamy	81	Manchester
	4 Alma M. Carette	82	Manchester
	5 Georgina T. Westover	80	Manchester
	5 Robert C. Bristol	84	Manchester
	10 Evelyn Morse	89	Goffstown
	12 Alphonsine A. Morin	94	Goffstown
	12 Rene R. Neveu, Sr.	66	Manchester
	15 Arthur R. Normand	74	Manchester
	19 Evelyn M. Tierney	72	Goffstown
	20 Margaret B. Francis	79	Bedford
June	27 Paulette Gagnon	55	Goffstown
	5 George H. Filleul, Jr.	74	Manchester
	5 Eleanor F. Hurst	101	Goffstown
	6 Dana F. Chase	84	Manchester
	8 James L. Morello	79	Concord
	10 Wilfred Nadeau	73	Goffstown
	11 Gerard R.d Drapeau	77	Manchester
	12 Jennie F. Page	82	Goffstown
July	18 John F. Lane	77	Goffstown
	6 Barbara S. Langan	87	Manchester
	11 Carroll L. Sarty	96	Manchester
	12 Violet Buckley	79	Manchester
	20 Pauline B. Gelinas	70	Goffstown
	21 Beatrice Bisson	88	Goffstown
	21 Margaret Y. Ducharme	82	Jaffrey
	23 Nelson N. Thomas	51	Goffstown
	26 Jean B. Wheeler	91	Goffstown
	29 Doris A. St. Pierre	72	Goffstown
	29 E. Thomas Gearty	94	Manchester

DATE	NAME	AGE	PLACE
Aug.	8 Clementine Broes	77	Manchester
	11 Adela Knipe	75	Bedford
	11 Norman R. Houle	73	Goffstown
	15 Richard T. Hand	85	Goffstown
	24 Elsie M. Lloyd	97	Goffstown
	27 Fernand N. Boutin	61	Manchester
	31 Effie Marshall	88	Goffstown
Sept.	3 Manuel G. Ramos	83	Manchester
	9 William A. Holtshouser	62	Manchester
	11 Gordon L. Barnard	94	Goffstown
	12 Lillian Collins	69	Goffstown
	18 Reginald A. Billy	83	Bedford
	26 Patricia C. Walker	71	Goffstown
	30 Aurore M. Bernier	81	Manchester
	30 Kenneth J. Wall	67	Bedford
Oct.	2 Robert D. Macomber	78	Goffstown
	4 Walter C. Patten	71	Goffstown
	10 Joseph Lavalliere	62	Goffstown
	14 Virginia D. Holmes	84	Manchester
	17 Emile J. Simard	87	Concord
	17 Hazel E. Willoughby	83	Goffstown
	19 Florence M. Goulet	74	Manchester
	23 Robert C. Daniels	58	Goffstown
	27 Lionel R. Desrochers	67	Goffstown
	31 Beatrice L. Loiselle	94	Goffstown
Nov.	1 Helene Lecomte	72	Bedford
	1 Sharon A. Valliere	50	Manchester
	13 Yvonne C. Caron	92	Goffstown
	20 Rita Bourgeault	83	Goffstown
	28 Yvonne R. Soucy	81	Manchester
Dec.	1 Daniel Garcia	75	Manchester
	1 Leotta I. Wheeler	95	Goffstown
	2 Jessica W. Robertson	85	Manchester
	4 Lillian L. Judkins	81	Goffstown
	13 Locianie Choute	82	Goffstown
	14 James L. Thomson	53	Manchester
	18 Joseph T. Anello	56	Manchester
	20 Henry R. O'Neil	79	Nashua
	21 Germaine M. Marquis	83	Goffstown
	25 Valerien W. Charland	95	Goffstown
	25 Grace L. Phillips	89	Goffstown
	27 Stephen Papavlo	71	Manchester
	29 William A. King	72	Goffstown

TOTAL DEATHS: 116

INTERMENTS

NAME	AGE	DATE OF DEATH	BURIAL DATE
SHIRLEY HILL CEMETERY			
Zatae McCarthy	81	11/29/97	05/15/98
Anetta Shapiro	76	12/27/97	05/25/98
Arthur Normand	74	05/15/98	05/27/98
Dana Chase	84	06/06/98	06/10/98

HILLSIDE CEMETERY

Marion Hall	90	03/27/98	04/04/98
Donald Riveter	72	04/09/98	04/23/98
Hilda Weston	88	08/18/97	07/06/98
Violet Buckley	79	07/12/98	07/15/98
Wentworth Miles	91	10/09/98	10/13/98
Rita Bourgeault	83	11/20/98	11/23/98

WESTLAWN CEMETERY

Donna Roode	44	02/08/98	02/12/98
Kimberly Konieczny	35	03/23/98	03/26/98
Isabelle Remillard	63	04/21/98	04/23/98
Hamilton Fay	70	01/23/98	04/30/98
Robert Gobin, Sr.	79	05/10/98	05/13/98
Ralph Dudley	88	02/08/98	05/16/98
Leslie Perry	43	05/21/98	05/26/98
Johnson Roy	89	11/13/97	05/26/98
Mary Conroy	46	04/09/98	05/28/98
Pauline Mark	86	04/26/98	06/07/98
Maurice Phelps	78	06/29/98	07/03/98
Marjorie Nevue	63	07/03/98	07/08/98
Barbara Canagan	87	07/06/98	07/09/98
Donald Pare	41	07/16/98	07/21/98
Lillian Richards	98	08/25/98	08/28/98
Eugenie Banfield	89	09/24/98	09/29/98
Kenneth Wall	67	09/30/98	10/03/98
Walter Patten	71	10/04/98	10/07/98
Robert Daniels	58	10/23/98	10/27/98
George Filleul, Jr.	74	06/05/98	11/03/98
George Carr	77	11/01/98	11/05/98
Mildred Hall	91	11/12/98	11/17/98
Lillian Judkins	81	12/04/98	12/09/98
Michael Wilson	47	12/13/98	12/16/98

TOTAL INTERMENTS: 34

GOFFSTOWN SEWER COMMISSION

The bond issue for the Moose Club Park Project was approved by the voters at the March 1998 Town Voting Session. The Commission, and the people who will now be serviced by this project, express their appreciation to those residents who voted for this article. The bond, like all other bond issues for wastewater projects, will be paid for through the user fee, an accessibility fee, and State Aid. This project was awarded to Shumway Construction Company in December 1998 with a completion date of June. The engineering firm of Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc. were retained to oversee and inspect the daily construction operations.

The Department of Public Works submitted a master plan prioritizing the maintenance of the wastewater system over a twenty year period. The Commission reviewed and discussed this plan with the Department of Public Works and accepted its concept. Work began in the fall with a contract being awarded to Miller Pipeline Corporation for the trenchless relining of Carr Court, Desaulnier Street, West Union Street and Wallace Road. Another contract was awarded to Eastern Pipe Services for the trenchless lining of East Union Street. The Maple Avenue Project was delayed until school is dismissed for the summer session. This project upgrades the sewer line from Maple Avenue to Elm Street and a new main will be installed on Cottage Street (this will decrease the flow that presently enters the Elm St. Pump Station). Throughout next year the general maintenance of the wastewater system will continue in addition to several more trenchless lining projects being put out to bid.



L-R: Marilyn Hozeny (Admin. Asst.), Stephen Crean (Chairman), Bruce Hunter (Sel. Rep.), James Bouchard, Paul LaPerle

Fourteen new homes have connected to the wastewater system during this past year. The Commission has reviewed several conceptual proposals requesting connection of multi family developments; these proposals are still in the planning stages. St Anselm's College added a football stadium to it's campus and also has constructed a flow monitoring station to monitor the flow that directly enters into the Manchester Wastewater line bypassing our metering station on the Manchester/Goffstown line.

This past year the Commission accepted, with regret, Peter Henk's resignation. Although Peter was only with the Commission for several years he brought a financial background which was an invaluable tool throughout his term. On December 7 the Selectmen appointed Paul LaPerle to the Commission until the March 1999 Election Session.

The Sewer Commission was created in 1956 and is comprised of a three member elected board whose function is to administer and maintain the municipal wastewater system. Public meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Hall. Individuals requesting to be on the agenda should contact the Sewer Commission's office at (603) 497-8992 to schedule an appointment.

Sincerely,
Stephen R. Crean, *Chairman*
James Bouchard
Peter Henk (resigned 12/98)
Paul LaPerle (appointed 12/98)

**GOFFSTOWN SEWER COMMISSION
DETAILED BUDGET (unaudited)**

ADMINISTRATION	1998 BUDGET	1998 ACTUAL	1999 BUDGET
SALARIES/BENEFITS	\$ 45,238	46,185	47,150
CONTRACTED SVCS	13,000	5,705	6,500
INTEREST	237,894	237,831	254,501
SUPPLIES	3,316	2,456	2,936
TELEPHONE	840	940	800
POSTAGE	4,000	2,931	3,500
LEGAL EXPENSE	10,000	2,933	10,000
OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	4,000	1,200	4,000
BAD DEBT EXPENSE	2,000	1,055	2,000
DEPRECIATION	190,000	190,000	240,000
AUDIT	2,200	2,000	2,200
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	3,000	0	3,000
TRAINING	1,000	104	1,000
INSURANCE	4,200	1,758	2,500
CLAIM			5,000
SUBTOTAL	520,688	495,098	585,087
EQUIPMENT			
EQUIPMENT	8,100	4,241	2,000
MAINTENANCE & LABOR	5,000	1,325	5,000
SUBTOTAL	13,100	5,566	7,000
OPERATING EXPENSES			
CONTRACTED SVCS	40,000	21,873	40,000
SUBTOTAL	40,000	21,873	40,000
SEWERAGE/PUMP STATION			
SUPPLIES	16,000	2,459	10,000
TELEPHONE	3,000	1,154	2,500
ELECTRICITY	18,000	14,692	20,000
FUEL FOR GENERATOR	4,000	565	4,000
REPAIRS	10,000	4,387	10,000
WATER	1,000	241	500
CHEMICALS	2,000	313	1,000
CONTRACTED SVCS	6,000	3,534	6,000
SUBTOTAL	60,000	27,345	54,000
SEWER COMMISSION			
PAYMENT TO MANCHESTER	429,183	315,265	426,640
SEWER REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	205,000	196,389	205,000
NEW SEWER CONSTRUCTION	264,931	41	264,931
ODOR CONTROL	34,763	0	66,186
SUBTOTAL	933,877	511,695	962,757
TOTAL	\$1,567,665	\$1,061,577	\$1,648,844

GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE PRECINCT

Several projects were undertaken this year as we continue to upgrade our system and prioritize needs.

Water main replacements included 300 feet on School Street and 1100 feet on Wallace Road. The newer cement lined pipes resist corrosive build-up and provide better water volume and pressure, two of the indicators that we consistently monitor. Four hydrants were also replaced.

With Glenview now on the system, and two more multiple unit projects under review the demand could increase more than 10% this year. We are reviewing options to cope, such as additional water sources or storage. It is important to plan for these as the appropriate costs are passed on to the developers.

A highlight of this year was hosting the New Hampshire Water Works meeting in September. Over eighty water districts were represented for the meeting, tour of the filtration plant and the luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen D. Gamans, Jr., *Chairman*

WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Goffstown Village Precinct qualified to vote on precinct affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goffstown Town Hall in said Goffstown, in said Precinct, on Monday, March 15, 1999, at 7:00 PM in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I

To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, including a Moderator and Clerk.

ARTICLE II

To elect one (1) member to the Board of Water Commissioners for a term of five (5) years. To elect one (1) member to the Board of Commissioners for a term of four (4) years to finish the term of retiring commissioner Henry Burnham.

ARTICLE III

To see if the Precinct will vote to accept the report of the Board of Water Commissioners to appropriate the sum of Five Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE IV

To see if the Precinct will vote to allow the Board of Water Commissioners the right to borrow in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) due to any emergency that may arise.

ARTICLE V

To hear the reports of the various officers of the Precinct and to pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE VI

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 12th day of January 1999.

Allen D. Gamans, Jr., 2000

Henry C. Boyle, 2002

Raymond Taber, 2001

Richard Fletcher, 1999

REVENUE (UNAUDITED)

		1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
3402	WATER CHARGES			
	Metered Water	303,077	286,266	303,000
	Flat Rate	106,600	112,095	112,000
	Hydrant Rental	46,000	46,035	46,035
	Booster Station	0	0	1,200
	Accts. Receivable	0	12,923	0
	SUBTOTAL	\$455,677	\$457,319	\$462,235
3409	OTHER CHARGES			
	Thawing	250	0	0
	Forestry	0	2,920	0
	Hydrant Repairs	1,000	1,876	2,944
	New Services	5,000	5,075	5,000
	Turn On/Off	200	180	200
	Service Repair	2,000	970	2,000
	Meter Repair	0	0	0
	Ins. Refund	0	281	220
	Vehicle Repair	0	0	0
	Water Test	0	0	0
	Sewer Dept.	0	0	0
	Glen Eng.	0	0	0
	Misc.	1,000	25	1,000
	Pools	200	656	200
	Supplies	0	421	250
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 9,650	\$ 12,404	\$ 11,814
3502	SAVINGS INTEREST	10,000	14,971	6,000
3351	SHARED REVENUE	36,000	39,842	34,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$511,327	\$524,536	\$514,049
	Transfer Funds from Savings	20,000	0	21,700
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$531,327	\$524,536	\$535,749

GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT EXPENDITURES

(UNAUDITED)

		1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
4130	EXECUTIVE			
	Salaries	80,750	74,047	83,287
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 80,750	\$ 74,047	\$ 83,287
4150	FINANCIAL ADMIN.			
	Audit	1,100	1,050	1,100
	Business Supplies	3,200	1,398	3,200
	Office Equipment	0	825	0
	Personnel Supp.	0	200	0
	Safe Box	0	45	0
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 4,300	\$ 3,518	\$ 4,300
4153	LEGAL	1,500	0	1,500
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,500	0	\$ 1,500
4155	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION			
	FICA	6,185	5,658	6,495
	Health Ins.	15,000	16,080	20,784
	W/C Insurance	2,500	1,755	2,500
	Retirement Fund	2,320	2,344	2,500
	Unemployment Ins.	150	120	150
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 26,155	\$ 25,957	\$ 32,429
4194	BUILDING MAINTENANCE			
	Office Repairs	1,000	0	1,000
	Filter Plant	0	1,095	0
	Chlorine Building	0	184	0
	Well Buildings	0	0	0
	Tank	0	0	0
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,279	\$ 1,000
4196	INSURANCE			
	Liability, Property	3,100	3,052	3,100
	Bond	0	0	0
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 3,100	\$ 3,052	\$ 3,100
4197	ADVER/REG ASSNS.			
	Advertise	2,000	318	2,000
	Assns. Fees	0	250	0
	License Fees	0	425	0
	Meeting Exp.	0	390	0
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,383	\$ 2,000
4199	OTHER GENERAL GOV'T.			
	Vehicle Expense	2,000	2,171	2,500
	Rent	6,000	6,000	6,000
	Telephone/Beeper	4,000	3,711	4,000
	Postage	2,000	1,838	2,000
	Computer Support	500	495	500
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,215	\$ 15,000

GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT EXPENDITURES

		1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
4332	WATER SERVICES			
	Contract Labor	4,000	1,628	4,000
	Hydrant Repairs	3,000	687	3,000
	Dam Repairs	1,000	0	1,000
	Service Repairs	5,000	2,857	5,000
	Main Repairs	10,000	0	10,000
	Meter Repairs	200	0	200
	Pump Repairs	1,000	609	1,000
	Equipment Repairs	250	50	250
	Road Repairs	1,280	0	500
	Thawing	0	0	0
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 25,730	\$ 5,831	\$ 24,950
4335	WATER TREATMENT			
	Chemical/Chlorine	7,050	2,675	7,050
	Electric/Filtration	18,060	11,699	15,000
	Heat/Filtration	1,600	1,563	1,600
	Electric Power/Wells	8,000	4,706	8,000
	Supplies	3,000	1,573	3,000
	Water Tests	2,500	1,491	2,500
	Engineering/Filtration	1,000	0	0
	New Services	0	1,133	1,000
	Forestry	0	0	0
	Tank	0	0	0
	Glenview Eng.	0	921	0
	Maple Ave. Eng.	0	219	0
	Booster Station Expense	0	0	1,200
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 41,210	\$ 25,980	\$ 39,350
Debt Service				
4711	#1 Bond - Principal	55,000	55,000	55,000
	#2 Bond - Principal	60,000	60,000	60,000
4721	#1 Bond - Interest	25,088	25,087	20,963
	#2 Bond - Interest	59,000	58,020	54,870
	SUBTOTAL	\$199,088	\$198,107	\$190,833
Capital Outlay				
4901	LAND & IMPROVEMENTS			
	Contingency Fund	10,000	0	10,000
	Capital Replacement	10,000	4,818	10,000
	Upgrading Mains/System	92,019	95,138	100,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$112,019	\$ 99,956	\$120,000
4902	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT			
	Household Meters	3,000	0	1,000
	New Equipment	4,000	2,847	4,000
	New Hydrants	10,000	4,777	10,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 17,000	\$ 7,624	\$ 15,000
4903	BUILDINGS			
	CIP - Vehicle	3,000	3,000	3,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$531,352	\$463,949	\$535,749

GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

It is the responsibility of the Commissioners to see that each and every subscriber on the precinct is supplied with safe drinking water. Also, to provide a sufficient amount of water at a pressure that will allow them to use the water in an ordinary manner.

Because of the size of the pipe in Manchester we have at times had to place restrictions on watering lawns and gardens. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused but it was necessary to insure that everyone would have water.

We hope to build a new water line along the back road in the near future. The State of New Hampshire has a program to improve water precincts and we have applied for help under this program.

The Commissioners have continued to work to improve the precinct in the past year and will continue to do so in the future.

Commissioners of the precinct:

Theodore J. Rohr, Chairman

Arthur W. Rose, Jr.

William C. Swanson

1999 WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct qualified to vote on precinct affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Grasmere Town Hall / School House #9 in said Goffstown, in said Precinct, on March 27, 1999, at 7:00 PM in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1

To choose a Commissioner for the years 1999, 2000 and 2001.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Precinct will vote to approve the budget as proposed by the Commissioners and approved by the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 3

To hear the reports of the Treasurer and Clerk for the year 1998.

ARTICLE 4

To act upon any unfinished business from previous meetings.

ARTICLE 5

To discuss and act upon any other business which may rightfully come before said meeting.

This is the Precinct's Annual Meeting and it is hoped that all residents of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct will attend and support the Precinct. Given this TWENTY EIGHTH day of January 1999, under our hands.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

Arthur W. Rose, Jr.

Theodore Rohr

William Swanson

GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

REVENUE

	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
Water Rents	78,000	74,608	82,000
Hydrant Rentals	9,320	9,320	9,320
New Installations	3,210	4,354	3,210
Contract Medford Farms	4,800	3,600	4,800
Interest	725	112	1,000
Misc. Water Sales	—	292	300
SUBTOTALS	\$ 96,055	\$ 92,286	\$100,630
Transferred from Capital Reserve	11,000	10,000	10,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$107,055	\$102,286	\$110,630

EXPENDITURES

Cost of Water	55,000	46,383	60,000
Salaries	4,400	4,200	5,000
Contract Labor	15,250	14,465	16,000
Maintenance Supplies	3,000	1,285	3,000
Office Supplies	1,500	450	1,500
Telephone & Electricity	2,500	2,336	3,000
Miscellaneous	1,200	1,811	1,200
Trans. to Capital Fund	5,000	24,949	5,000
Snow Plowing	800	285	800
Meter & Water Testing	600	175	600
Auditing Books	500	0	500
Manchester Water Contract	11,000	10,000	10,000
Insurance	—	—	1,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$100,750	\$106,339	\$107,600

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash on hand (General Fund Check Book)	\$20,983
On Dep. NHDPIP Cap. Res.	\$42,691
Int. Earned on Cap. Reserve for Mo.	\$ 1,365
Total Cash Available	\$65,039

LIABILITIES

Bills Owed by Precinct (Contract Labor)	\$0
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NOTE: Total Interest Received (Cap Reserve + Check Book) \$1,477

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

NON-PARTISAN TOWN ELECTION

GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 9, 1999

SELECTMAN

1 for 3 years Vote for 1
 Philip D'Avanza
 John S. Davis
 (Write-in)

TOWN CLERK

1 for 3 years Vote for 1
 Donna A. Bergeron
 (Write-in)

TREASURER

1 for 3 years Vote for 1
 Jean C. Mayberry
 (Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

4 for 3 years Vote for 4
 Peter Georgantas
 Pamela V. Manney
 Dennis Rechcygl
 Suzanne Tremblay
 (Write-in)
 (Write-in)
 (Write-in)
 (Write-in)

BUDGET

1 for 1 year Vote for 1
 Garret Seevers
 (Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

1 for 3 years Vote for 1
 Ezra P. Beck
 James Gage
 Robert T. Paré
 (Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

3 for 3 years Vote for 3
 Mark Choquette
 Theresa Paré
 (Write-in)
 (Write-in)
 (Write-in)

Marlene Gamans, Town Clerk

PLANNING BOARD

2 for 3 years Vote for 2
 Collis G. Adams
 Miles J. Phillips
 Lowell S. Von Ruden
 (Write-in)
 (Write-in)

SEWER COMMISSION

1 for 3 years Vote for 1
 Stephen R. Crean
 (Write-in)

SEWER COMMISSION

1 for 2 years Vote for 1
 Paul E. LaPerle
 (Write-in)

**TRUSTEE OF
TRUST FUNDS**

1 for 3 years Vote for 1
 William J. Schubert
 (Write-in)

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 1 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown: Shall the Town amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of Map 5 Lot 59 from Agricultural (AG) District to Residential Small Office and Business District (RSBOD)?

The property address is 48 Mast Road. Located next to the Villa Augustina's little league baseball fields.

*Submitted by Petition
 (Recommended by the
 Planning Board)*

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 2 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

Shall the Town amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of Map 7 Lot 111A-2 from Residential 1(R-1) to Agricultural (AG)?

This lot is located at the end of Maple Avenue.

Submitted by Petition (Not recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 3 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance by amending Article V, Section C, 4.A-1, f, minimum lot frontage for 1- family dwellings 2,3,4,5 acres 200'; 6,7,8,9, acres 150'; 10,11,12 acres 100'; 13+ acres 50'. All other requirements remain the same?

Submitted by Petition (Not recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board of Goffstown:

Shall the Town amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of Map 5 Lot 38-1 from a split zone of Residential 1/Agricultural to Residential 1. The parcel is located on Juniper Drive and Center Street?

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board of Goffstown:

Amend Article IV, Section O "Floodplain Ordinance" by adding the following:

- a. This ordinance, adopted pursuant to the authority of R.S.A. 674:16, shall be known as the Town of Goffstown Floodplain Development Ordinance; and
- b. Item IX Variances and Appeals:
 - i) The Zoning Board of Adjustment shall notify the applicant in writing that: (i) the issuance of a variance to construct below the base flood level will result in increase premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25 for \$100 of insurance coverage and (ii) such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property. Such notification shall be maintained with a record of all variances. The National Flood Insurance Program recommends that these amendments be added to the current floodplain ordinance.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board of Goffstown:

Amend Article VI, "Open Space Development Ordinance" by deleting all references to "Soil Base Lot Sizing Regulations" and inserting "Site Specific Soil Mapping Standards" where applicable. The Soil Based Lot Sizing Standards are being phased out by the National Cooperative Soil Survey in favor of the new Site Specific Soil Mapping Standards.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board of Goffstown:

Amend Article V, Section F, by inserting a new "Village Commercial District" section and re-numbering thereafter. Lots proposed to be re-zoned from either Residential 1, Residential 1/Commercial or Commercial Districts to the proposed Village Commercial District are as follows:

Map	Lot(s)	Map	Lot(s)	Map	Lot(s)	Map	Lot(s)
34	63	34	89	34	127	34	154
34	64	34	90	34	128	34	156
34	65	34	91	34	129	34	157
34	66	34	92	34	138	34	158
34	67	34	93	34	138-1	34	159
34	68	34	97	34	139	34	160
34	69	34	98	34	140	34	161
34	70	34	99	34	141	34	162
34	78	34	100	34	142	34	164
34	78B	34	101	34	143	34	164A
34	79	34	102	34	144	34	165
34	80	34	103	34	145	34	166
34	81	34	105	34	146	34	167
34	82	34	106	34	147	34	168
34	82A	34	107	34	149	34	169
34	83	34	108	34	149-1	34	170
34	84	34	109	34	150	34	171
34	86	34	110	34	151	34	172
34	87	34	125	34	152	34	173
34	88	34	126	34	153	38	78-1
38	1	38	104	38	23	38	101
38	2	38	8	38	24	38	102
38	3	38	9	38	36	38	103
38	4	38	10	38	76	38	103A
38	5	38	11	38	77	38	7
38	6	38	12	38	78	38	13

The Village Commercial District (VCD) is established to allow for the development of the Village section of Goffstown with a harmonious mix of commercial, residential, civic and recreational uses with an emphasis on

the promotion of pedestrian movement and the preservation of historic structures. The intent of this ordinance is to adopt reasonable standards that will preserve the Village area as a focal point for the personal, business, religious and civic needs of the community while at the same time allowing the area to accommodate growth at a scale and intensity consistent with a village setting. *(Recommended by the Planning Board)*

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$200,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1997 under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the closure of the landfill?

(This appropriation is in addition to that in Article 12.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the purpose of funding the nonprofit group Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. upon the conditions that the group be accepted into the NH Main Street Program and the group raises \$30,000 in donations for 1999? This is the first year of a three-year program.

(This appropriation is in addition to that in Article 12.)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$15,677.56 for six months salary and benefits for a police officer, whose primary responsibility will be working with young people in the schools and community, to promote a safe and drug free environment? This appropriation, and the salary and benefits over three years, will be 99% reimbursed by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. *(By Petition)*

(This appropriation is in addition to that in Article 12)

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

(The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$11,095,675? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$10,834,839, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION

GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 9, 1999

Jo Ann D'Avanza
School District Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

For Three (3) Years
Paul "Jody" O'Reilly
Albert Packard
John G. Stafford

Vote for THREE (3)

ARTICLE 2

Shall the District affirm and be bound by the financial provisions of a four year Collective Bargaining Agreement entered into by and between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff, NEA-New Hampshire, covering the years 1999-2003, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
1999-2000	\$127,600
2000-2001	\$109,361
2001-2002	\$101,228
2002-2003	\$103,066

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of One HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$127,600.00) for the purpose of funding the 1999-2000 year of said collective bargaining agreement and to take FIFTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$15,368.00) from the Food Service Revenue Accounts with the remaining ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$112,232.00) to come from the bargaining agreement, or to take any other action in relation thereto. This appropriation in addition to Warrant Article #4, the operating budget article.

(The School Board recommends this article.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 3

Shall the District affirm and be bound by the financial provisions of a five-year Collective Bargaining Agreement entered into by and between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Education Association covering the years 1999-2004, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
1999-2000	\$310,824
2000-2001	\$369,425
2001-2002	\$325,074
2002-2003	\$404,436
2003-2004	\$347,027

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$310,824.00) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #4, the operating budget article.

(The School Board recommends this article.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling EIGHTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$18,500,368.00.) Should this article be defeated, the Operating Budget shall be EIGHTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$18,420,368.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(The School Board recommends this article.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

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SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

SCHOOL BOARD YEAR IN REVIEW



L-R Front Row: Jane Raymond, Virginia McKinnon, Ellen Vermokowitz (Vice Chair), Michael York (Chairman). L-R Back Row: Craig Hieber (Budget Committee Rep.), Pamela Manney, Karl MacGibbon, Randall Benthien, William Totherow. Missing: Kristine Paquin (Student Member)

In 1998, the Goffstown School Board welcomed Dr. Darrell Lockwood as the new Superintendent of Schools. After a national search, Dr. Lockwood was selected from an impressive group of finalists to replace Interim Superintendent Dr. Gene Ross. Dr. Lockwood brings to the position of Superintendent valuable experiences having served in Connecticut most recently as the Director of Professional Development/School Improvement at Area Cooperative Educational Services and in New Hampshire previously as the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in SAU #16 – Exeter, the Principal of the New Boston School and the Business Manager of SAU #19. The Board appreciates Dr. Lockwood's open style of management and looks forward to working on the critical issues facing the schools. His experience and expertise are of great value to the Board as we face the challenges of preparing students to live and work in this fast changing complicated world.

In April of 1998 the Board established a committee to look at plans for renovating the Goffstown Area High School. This impressive group of volunteers worked tirelessly with architect Paul Hemmerich of ph Designs, to plan the renovations needed at the Goffstown Area High School. The School Board is indebted to this group for their many hours and dedication.

Although the Board had hoped to begin renovating the High School in 1998, the voters did not approve the bond issue. As a separate warrant article the board asked the voters to approve replacing the boiler at the high school. The article did pass, a new boiler was installed over the summer, and the heating system at the high school is working well.

During the spring of 1998, we in Goffstown got to see first hand what wonderful volunteer groups we have in our schools. At the Maple Avenue School, 100 volunteers showed up on a Saturday morning in April to install all new playground equipment which was purchased by the Parent Faculty Together, the PFT. The group worked all day so that the equipment would be ready for the children on Monday. The kick off celebration hosted by the PFT to thank the volunteers was outstanding.

This year, because of the difficulty we have had in hiring qualified foreign language teachers, the Board was forced to terminate the program at the Mountain View Middle School. The action by the Board was met with a great deal of concern on the part of parents and students. The action of the Board was based on its inability to staff the program, not a desire to cut the budget.

In late December 1998, after two months of negotiations, the Goffstown Education Association and the Goffstown School Board ratified a five-year Collective Bargaining Agreement. The School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff also ratified a five-year contract. Both of these contracts will be on the Ballot in March as separate warrant articles. All of the parties agree that the agreements are fair.

In September 1998, the Goffstown School Board began regular broadcasts of its bi-weekly meetings on GTV 16. We hope that the broadcasts will keep the citizens of Goffstown informed about the schools.

The Goffstown School Board meets the first and third Monday of each month; we welcome public comment and appreciate the many volunteers and supporters of our District.

Michael York, *Chairman*
Goffstown School Board

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

DARRELL LOCKWOOD, Ed.D.



L-R: Michele Croteau (Bus. Mgr.), Charles Gaides (Asst. Supt.), Mary Heath (Asst. Supt.), Dr. Darrell Lockwood (Supt.), Brian Blake (Dir. of Spec. Ed.)

The 1997-98 school year was exciting and challenging for SAU #19 district.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT/STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Teachers and administrators grades 1-12 continued to develop SAU-wide curriculum documents in the areas of English/Language Arts, Science, Social Studies and Mathematics. Aligning instruction with the New Hampshire State Frameworks, while improving student learning and achievement, remains the focus of their work. Staff also began the development of a Career Guidance and Counseling Program in the spring of 1998. Competitive Goals 2000 grants were submitted and awards of funds supported these initiatives.

School Improvement Teams reviewed student performance on the New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program at grades 3, 6 and 10 and made recommendations for changes in instructional practices. Modifications ranged from changes in the uses of instructional terminology to the addition of new courses (Civics at Grade 10) for 1998-99. Staff development efforts for 1998-99 will include a focus on developing strategies for improving student performance on state assessments.

SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS

While the nation struggled to cope with and understand the alarming violence on several public school campuses, the SAU #19 school community moved to develop School Safety Plans for each building. We appreciate the continuing support we receive from Police and Fire Departments in all of our communities.

Faculty and staff were provided with information designed to build awareness of safety issues. MVMS under the tutelage of James Doig began developing a facility safety plan. This proved to be the benchmark for other SAU #19 schools as well as schools across the state.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

The voters approved the Dunbarton Elementary School renovation and addition project in March, 1998. It was ready for occupancy by September. This proved to be a noteworthy community project, recognized by the New Hampshire Governor as a model of what volunteerism can and should be.

Voters did not approve the Goffstown AREA High School project in March. The School Board charged a Building Committee to review the project as well as other Goffstown School District facility needs and to make recommendations to the Board by November of 1998. The group accomplished great things and recommended a sound project for substantially less overall cost than the prior year. The School Board sensing continued taxpayer concerns has moved to wait another year before proposing the project.

The New Boston Central School project failed to gain the required 2/3-majority vote by a slim margin. Students are once again headed into portable classrooms for 1998-99. The Board plans to address identified needs and report back to the community with another project proposal in 1999.

NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES REPORT ON GOFFSTOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL

GAHS remained an accredited school with a warning status for the 1997-98 school year. Members of the GAHS Follow-up Committee reviewed the report of the NEASC standard by standard in order to develop plans for required improvements. A special progress report was written and submitted to the Commission in July of 1998 addressing each area of deficiency. Monitoring of student progress remains an issue that the Commission would like GAHS to address in the coming school year.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

New Hampshire Partners in Education again bestowed the Blue Ribbon award for volunteerism on the Dunbarton Elementary School, Mountain View Middle School, and Maple Avenue Elementary (8th consecutive year). Whether in classrooms, boardrooms or committee rooms, we appreciate ALL school volunteers in each of our school buildings.

GOVERNANCE/MANAGEMENT REVIEW

After a year-long study of the Governance of SAU #19 schools, each School District addressed a warrant article on forming a Cooperative School District. This did not fair well in voting in any community.

TECHNOLOGY

Technology planning continued to be a focus at each school building. Schools typically are among the last to adopt new technologies due to budget constraints. Through the support of our communities and an aggressive grant writing process, that is not the case in SAU #19 schools. As of the opening of school in September, all schools have classroom computers on a network and access to the Internet is available in each school. For the second consecutive year, the Goffstown School District received a Technology Literacy Challenge Fund grant allowing for the training of technology fellows at each Goffstown School. In addition, funds from the grant were used to operate Summer Technology Academies for staff. Members of the Fire Department and Town Hall staff participated in several of these sessions. Topics ranged from personal productivity skills to integrating technology into the curriculum. Plans to open the computer section of the GAHS Information Center during the evening for community use are underway.

STAFFING

There were significant changes in the administrative ranks of SAU #19 during 1997-98. Sandy Davis became Associate Principal at Mountain View Middle School in September. John Farese was appointed as Assistant Principal at Goffstown Area High School in July. Carolann Wais resigned her position as Assistant Superintendent in December of 1997. Mary Heath ably replaced her. Interim Superintendent Ross resigned his post effective April 1998. Assistant Superintendent Gaides stepped in to assume the role through June. Darrell Lockwood was elected Superintendent of Schools in February of 1998 and officially began his duties in July.

RECOGNITION

There were several retirements from our schools during the 1997-98 school year. We send best wishes to: Priscilla Letendre – Bartlett School; and Beverly Garcia, Douglas Warren, Richard Benz and Annie Pratt – Mountain View Middle School. We thank them for many years of service to our students.

In closing, we give thanks to our school boards, employees, school volunteers, parents and citizens who have contributed to the past and present accomplishments of our students. Continued community support and cooperation is essential to our students' success.

Darrell J. Lockwood, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES DELIBERATIVE SESSION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1998

Moderator, Larry Emerton, called the 1998 School District Deliberative Session to order at 7:15 p.m. There were 173 registered voters in attendance at 7:20 p.m.

Jill Stogniew, student representative to the School Board, led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Emerton introduced School Board members; Chairman Suzanne Tremblay, Randy Benthien, Pamela Manney, Virginia (Ginny) McKinnon, Ellen Vermokowitz, Michael York, Bill Totherow, Jane Raymond, Craig Hieber and student member, Jill Stogniew. Mr. Emerton also introduced Superintendent Gene Ross; Assistant Superintendents Mary Heath and Chuck Gaides; Business Manager Roger Descheneau; Principals Chris Mosca, Rose Colby, Marc Boyd and Kathy Dodwell and Assistant Principals, Sandy Davis and Jim Doig.

Moderator Emerson also introduced Budget Committee Chairman Peter Georgantas, School District Clerk Jo Ann D'Avanza and Assistant Moderator Donna Kelly.

L. Emerton: Last year was our first year under Senate Bill 2. The legislature made several changes last year. One of them is that we do not have a second public hearing. We are not here tonight to vote on the articles. We are here to shape and form the articles. You will be voting on Tuesday, March 10, 1998. There are still questions on SB2. It is coming around a little bit. Any and all amendments must be submitted to me in writing. I am now going to read the posting of the warrant.

"I certify that on the 26 day of January, 1998, I posted a copy of the SAU #19 1998-99 adopted budget, the MS-27 and a copy of the Goffstown General Fund Balance Sheet Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1997 at the place of meeting - Goffstown Area High School and a like copy at Town Hall, Bartlett Elementary School and SAU Office #19, being public places in said district." Signed Eugene Ross and notarized by Luane Taber.

MOTION: P. Georgantas motioned to dispense with the reading of the Warrant. Seconded by Suzanne Tremblay.

ALL IN FAVOR BY VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

ARTICLE 2

Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of FOURTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,500,000.00) for the construction of addition(s) to the Goffstown Area High School, for renova-

tions to the existing building, for the payment of furnishings, equipment, architectural and other fees, site development and related incidental and necessary costs for such construction and existing school renovation pursuant to the plans and specifications as may be approved by the School Board, copies of which shall be on file with the School Administrative Unit #19 Office in Goffstown, New Hampshire; and (1) to raise such sum by the issuance of bonds or notes of the District in an amount not to exceed FOURTEEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,250,000.00) in accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, the form and terms of said bonds or notes including the time and place for the payment of interest, the rate of interest, and provisions for the sale of said bonds, or notes and all other matters in connection therewith to be left to the discretion of the School Board, and (2) further, to specifically appropriate to the payment of the costs of said construction, interest payments and legal fees up to TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00) from any interest which may be earned on the proceeds of the sale of the bonds or notes or any premium therefrom; or to take any other action in relation thereto. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget article. (2/3 majority vote required.) (School Board recommends this article.) (The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.)

MOTION: Ellen Vermokowitz moved, seconded by Randy Benthien to move Article 2 onto the floor for discussion.

Ed Linde: I did not get a chance to go to any of the informational sessions. I was curious as to how much of the \$14.5 million is due to new and how much is due to maintenance issues that did not get done?

Paul Hemmrick of Hemmrick Associates: The question is how much of the total project cost is attributed to new space and how much is attributed to deferred maintenance. I have not broken it down into how much is attributed to deferred maintenance. The raw construction costs for this project and the figures that would be paid to the sub-contractors add up to \$11 million. It is almost broken down into a 50/50 for the new addition and renovation. Some of the renovations is for stuff that is long over due. Much of it is due to the fact that we are reconfiguring space and shuffling some programs around. It is part of the redesign of the whole facility.

Gossett McRae: I have a question regarding the boilers. Do I understand that the boilers are not in Article #2?

S. Tremblay: Yes, they are. If you read all of Article #7, it states if Article #2 passes, this action will not take place.

MOTION: Peter Georgantas moved the question, seconded by John Stafford. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

THE MEETING VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE TO PLACE ARTICLE 2 ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the school district accept the provisions of RSA 195 (as amended) providing for the establishment of a cooperative school district, together with the school districts of Dunbarton and New Boston, in accordance with the provisions of the proposed articles of agreement filed with the school district clerk?

MOTION: Randy Benthien moved, seconded by Bill Totherow to place Article #3 on the floor for discussion.

L. Emerton: This article must be on the ballot by law. Randy Benthien is here to answer questions or make a presentation.

John Stafford: I have a question concerning the valuation to the schools. You mentioned that the white building is included. The school district does not actually own that building.

R. Benthien: If this goes through and the Town is willing to sell the white building to the new cooperative school district, the Town would receive reimbursement. I think it is about \$170,000 of value. The Selectmen would have to approve that. If the Board of Selectmen chose not to sell the white building, then that would be removed from the total.

J. Stafford: Would the payment be in one lump sum?

R. Benthien: Technically, it would be over the ten years. If we wanted to consider that in one payment, if the full \$170,000 came out and was written off all at once, I think we could do that as a community. Otherwise, it would be 1/10, 1/10, etc.

Charlie Carr: The payments come back over the ten year period would be coming to the Town, not the school district, so the Town would be getting this money anyway. By the time the payments start coming, that school district to which it would have been paid, will not exist any longer.

R. Benthien: If the coop gets formed before the end of June of this year, the state funds the formation with 45% building aid. As of July 1, 1998, that state aid will not exist. We figure that is 45% plus the appraised value of the six schools plus the SAU building, or \$10.7 million that would be available to the new coop. We think that is a nice incentive on top of educational benefits. There would be a cohesive curriculum managed by one staff and one school board. There would be individual advisory councils for each school. Individual parents would be able to influence and communicate to this governing board of 15. The largest the board can be is 15. We propose 15 so Goffstown would end up with eight, New Boston four and Dunbarton two, for a total of 14. We left one spot to be at large. All the voters have a vote if they choose to exercise it. I think you have the articles in front of you. They are in correct form with the exception of the total board members, which should be 15. Each town would pay its fair share based on a formula that incorporates a 60/40 mixture of equalized valuation and available daily membership in each town. Our Board has recommended this. We hope you will consider it.

Peter Georgantas: You said two or three town coop. As this article reads, New Boston and Dunbarton would both have to choose to become a coop. If one should not, we would not be forming a two town coop.

R. Benthien: It is possible we could choose to form a two town coop if New Boston and Goffstown voted it in and Dunbarton voted it down. If the committee, in our judgement, thinks it is worth another try as a two town coop, we can bring it forward again and try before June 30, 1998 with a different configuration. We would still be eligible for a significant influx and New Boston might decide they want to do this because they would have a say in their middle and high schools.

Preston Lawrance: I commend you for the efforts you have put into this. In light of the Claremont suit and how funding for education in New Hampshire may change, is that going to have a significant impact on your proposal and maybe this is premature?

R. Benthien: We did a lot of research on this. We concluded it is not premature. The Claremont decision will determine how we are paying from our town and how much the state is contributing. We think it does not make any difference. We know for sure there will not be any incentive in terms of state building aid to assist in the formation of the coop after July 1998.

P. Lawrance: If we go to a sales tax mode to fund education, won't that have a significant impact on this?

R. Benthien: If the Town does not have to come up with \$15 million from property taxes, but \$10 million from state sales tax, we would have to come up with less as a coop because we think the funding formula is fairer than the way we are paying now.

Bob Wheeler: You listed a sum of money and a variety of buildings, could you share with us how you picture the negotiations to happen with one building that is very different than the others. The white building is owned by the municipality. It is leased to the SAU through the Goffstown School Board. You seem to be treating it the same. How do you picture negotiations to take place?

R. Benthien: If this passed, then the newly elected coop board would probably be the negotiating body. That board would designate representatives to talk with the Selectmen of Goffstown and determine this. Now that you know the state has appraised the value of the building at \$170,000, if you think it is beneficial to the Town if the Town were to have that purchased by the Coop at that price with some of the money being paid for by state building aid and the other portion being paid for by the three communities over time. If the Selectmen thought it was a good sale, then we would have an easy negotiation. If it were better for the Town to keep that building for other municipal purposes, then the coop would need to look for another facility for its SAU administrative office. You could also rent space to the coop, but not sell the building. What we did was allow it to be possible for it to be part of this sale if this coop comes about. Forty-five percent of the payment would come from the state. It might be thought to be a good deal for the citizens to buy this building. If the Town thought it was not a good thing, then the coop would look elsewhere.

Ezra Beck: Do we have to have an SAU under this new system?

R. Benthien: Our understanding is an SAU is required whether it is a coop or a mixture of districts.

E. Beck: I read your Articles of Agreement. Your board and the Selectmen of the Town would establish your budget. Thereby, cutting out the citizens.

R. Benthien: The citizens of the three towns would initially come together at a meeting. If SB2 passes, then we would have what we have tonight. All of the citizens would vote on the budget that the new school board would be presenting to the three communities. Article 11 of the Articles of Agreement explains the budget apportionment formula. Article 12 explains the schedule of payments.

E. Beck: It does not say who determines the payments.

R. Benthien: I think it is determined by other RSA's. It is my hunch that the Statute that determines we could form a coop, also states that you need an annual meeting and we would vote in the same way we used to would supersede this and that this says how we design the formula.

E. Beck: We are back to square one and we are in a gym. We are back to that system if we don't have SB2 on this thing.

R. Benthien: We are back to the old tried and true method until a petition on the warrant is voted on to adopt SB2.

E. Beck: As it stands now, I would not vote for this thing. We have percentage, but you don't have any money in there. There has not been a meeting for anybody to cough up "x" bucks for this thing.

Hank Boyle: I don't agree with your mode of financing the sale of the white building. The question I have is, if Goffstown did get into this coop and in future years how would they get out if they wanted to?

R. Benthien: Nobody can get out until ten years has passed. The wisdom of the legislature provided that nobody can get a divorce until ten years. Once five years has passed, you can change the formula. After ten years you can get out. We would have to have a majority of the voting public in letting us out. That is pretty easy in our case. If there was reason for Goffstown to want to get out, we would have an easy way of voting us out. We would then have to deal with the fact that there is property owned by the coop district. There would have to be an arrangement agreed upon for distribution of the property. If we were to be our own school district, we would need buildings. If we wanted to get back some of the buildings, we would have to work out a price. I think it would go with state DRA appraising and we would need to come up with a bond issue. This has never happened in the state. Of the 33 coop districts now in this state, with 124 towns, it is my understanding that none have ever pulled out. There may have been one that tried. We can't get out of the current area agreement either. We are the receiving district. We are stuck in this area agreement under current law. There is a bill before the legislature that would make it easier for the receiving district to pull out. There are only 19 area agreements in the state with about 64 towns. It would make it easier for us to pull out, but we would have to come up with a plan that is favorable to the sending districts.

G. McRae: The state appraised the value at \$22.5 million, if Article #2 passes, will that go up to \$37 million?

R. Benthien: The \$22.5 million goes through gyration where we subtract some from it the bond indebtedness that we still have. It really washes right out. What ever passes in the three towns in terms of building renovations would be folded into the coop.

G. McRae: Would we be better off to delay the \$14 million expenditure until we are in the coop? It sounds like we might be getting the short end of the stick.

R. Benthien: If the Town thinks it is a good idea to renovate the high school, we can make the decision as a town and it is grand fathered in. If we put it off for one year, we face the consequences of the reaccreditation, but we have to get it passed by the three towns. So we have more control right now voting as one town.

G. McRae: As I understand it, we are near capacity in other buildings. If it is going to be difficult for us to do a renovation of the high school, why will it not be more difficult for us to get a favorable vote for our middle or elementary schools?

R. Benthien: Well, it could be. I think because of the interest, there is more interest in the two other towns in the younger grades. While they are not as connected to this high school, I think there is no question about their commitment about educating their kids in grades 1-8.

G. McRae: They are still maintaining their schools in Dunbarton and New Boston?

R. Benthien: The coop board could decide after discussions with the public to have the middle school for grades 6-8 and now that would mean their sixth graders would come to our middle school. There is a possibility there might be a slight shifting involved.

G. McRae: I am concerned that we are creating a difficult path for ourselves in the future where we would need a 2/3 majority.

Liz Dolan: I have a question about the 45% from the state; is that guaranteed?

R. Benthien: It is as sure as state guarantees are sure. The history is they have paid state building aid in the past. We are one of two districts trying to get this passed before June 30.

L. Dolan: Why did the state want these coops to be formed?

R. Benthien: I think they thought it would do a few things. It would make partners out of a lot of towns. I think they thought it would be better for the education of the students. We think there is more stability with a coop.

L. Dolan: I have heard that Dunbarton is going elsewhere. Do you know how they feel about it?

R. Benthien: They have a meeting on March 7, 1998. We have no idea, but we are not sure they like the idea. They have looked elsewhere, but nobody wants them in a partnership role.

John Stafford: Sometimes I wonder if your suppositions are valid. Ar-

ticle 12 of the Articles of Agreement does not say anything about voters or the budget committee.

R. Benthien: This goes back to Ezra Beck's question. If this passes, and we have a 60/40 formula, we develop the budget by the valuation and the number of students. This says we would sit down and have a conversation with the Board of Selectmen and determine whether the towns would be forwarding money on a monthly basis, quarterly basis, etc. The voters vote for the budget, the voters vote for the board. It is not stipulated in here because I believe it is part of other RSA's.

Jim Raymond: RSA 197-1 states clearly that school districts have to have a meeting to vote on their funding. There is a statutory scheme that protects that process.

George Fullerton: I am speaking in favor of this. I attended all of the public hearings in the various towns. Dunbarton has some concerns about being overwhelmed about being part of this. We would clearly simplify our government. We would still elect a board. We would not have SAU boards and all the boards for the other towns. We would have a single board with a single set of administrators. On top of that, we have a state that will give us millions of dollars. This would free the administrators up to do curriculum development in our schools.

L. Emerton: If New Boston builds a school, do we pay for it also?

R. Benthien: Yes, because we would own a portion.

Bill McKenzie: It is simply not true that it would simplify things. Government has a way of making things more complicated. What we are witnessing today is socialism that has been brought about by big government. You say curriculum would be improved. Government has been in control of curriculum for decades, and we have been getting worse results. We don't need to hand over more power to a centralized administrative body. What we need is decentralization.

John Porter: If I understand the concept of the schedule of payments, it refers to when the money is spent.

R. Benthien: That is correct. We do that right now. We talk to the Town so that we can plan accordingly.

J. Porter: So this is a housekeeping article.

R. Benthien: Thank you for making it so clear.

Len Stuart: The \$850,000 per year that Goffstown would get if the coop is approved, is there anything that restricts usage of these revenues for educational purposes? The money from that should be employed for educational purposes.

R. Benthien: Our research shows it is difficult to limit those funds in that way, since the Goffstown School District would not exist any longer. What we hope is there would be an understanding in the towns that the money is in fact here because of the school transaction and let's keep that in mind as we look at our school rate and think accordingly, but we cannot control that. The taxpayers have that decision.

Peter Showerman: I notice on the way in the signs outside say "tonights

meeting” and not “tonight’s meeting”. We need to correct that.

Bruce Hunter: Question about Parks and Rec using school facilities, they would lose that?

R. Benthien: The current uses of the building would continue. Ultimately, the coop board has the responsibility for how the buildings are used. It is the intention that that use would continue. Somewhere down the road, that may need to be carefully examined by the board if there were too many activities to accommodate.

Chris McRae: This says the new 15 member board would come up with a budget and would then apply a formula under Article 11 and then give to the Board of Selectmen their assessment. Is there another oversight, like the Budget Committee, that drags the budget formulation into the light of day?

R. Benthien: There is the possibility of a system like a Budget Committee. It is not possible to start that way, but there is an RSA that allows for the formulation of a district budget committee. It could be approved at the first annual meeting of the coop. The coop school moderator would appoint the first committee and thereafter would start a rotation of elected seats. There would be eight from Goffstown, two from Dunbarton, four from New Boston and one at large.

C. McRae: There is that possibility, but you have not put it in?

R. Benthien: We have to form it that way and if there is a petition, it can go into effect for the first meeting.

C. McRae: A petition has to be brought forth?

R. Benthien: That is correct.

C. McRae: There could be choice in education, so we would lower our numbers?

R. Benthien: The ADM is not the number that come to the schools. It is based on the number of school age children, whether they go to private school or public school. The ADM is calculated on the number of kids eligible.

C. McRae: The state has calculated every parent’s child for a funding purpose.

Mike Ryan: How much different is the curriculum between New Boston, Dunbarton and Goffstown now? The educational experience is still going to be what it is today. They are still going to school in New Boston for grades 1-6. If we voted the \$14 million, does the bond become the responsibility of Goffstown or the coop?

R. Benthien: If we voted in the high school renovation, 45% is paid by the state. We are left with 55%. Under the coop structure, we would have 2/3 of the \$8 million that is our responsibility because the coop would sell the debt. If the bond in New Boston passes, we would take on 6-7% of that bond and anything Dunbarton has. Overall, we would end up paying less of the buildings because we no longer own 100% of our buildings. The state does not mandate what is taught in each grade. There are the NH Frameworks to move in that direction and the assessment process is de-

signed to test in specific areas. Students from New Boston would probably stay in New Boston for all or almost all of their six school years. The curriculum would be managed by one board. We have nothing to say about what New Boston does in their town. We do hear reports that there is a variation about the level of preparedness, backgrounds that have occurred from school to school in the three towns.

M. Ryan: That is in terms of the overall budget. And you tell us whether that will go up or down? We get money from them to pay for the costs of coming in. We will not get that because we are part of the same coop. Will our tax dollars be any different under a coop?

R. Benthien: The \$850,000 occurs for ten years. That is mostly state aid for the purchasing of the schools. The other towns will contribute more because they are not bringing to the deal the same value. All three towns get some building aid of the total valuation. Once year 11 occurs, that state aid is gone. In our scenarios we conveyed the ongoing cost were still less for us. We were making out in terms of operating budget because, although the tuition would be gone, it seems like the tuition is not fully paid for what the other towns are getting. That is a state formula that is what it is. It looks good for us in an ongoing basis.

L. Emerton: Randy, would you like to thank your committee?

R. Benthien: Paul O'Reilly and Ellen Vermokowitz are here tonight. We were the three from Goffstown. I do thank our committee. Dunbarton votes first. If they vote it down, it does not matter, you can vote it up and New Boston can vote it up. Vote what you want and not what Dunbarton wants.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the District affirm and be bound by the financial provisions of a one year collective bargaining agreement entered into by and between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff, NEA-New Hampshire covering the year 1998-99, wherein the estimated increased cost for 1998-99 is NINETY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$93,744.80) to cover salaries and benefits; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$79,744.80) for the purpose of funding the 1998-99 year of said collective bargaining agreement and to take FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,000.00) from the Food Service Revenue Accounts for the purpose of funding the balance of the said 1998-99 collective bargaining agreement, or to take any other action in relation thereto. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget article. (School Board recommends this article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

MOTION: Pam Manney moved, seconded by Ellen Vermokowitz to place Article 4 on the ballot as presented. Voted in the affirmative by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4 WILL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the District affirm and be bound by the financial provisions of a one year collective bargaining agreement entered into by and between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Education Association covering the year 1998-99, wherein the estimated increased costs for 1998-99 is TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO DOLLARS (\$275,922.00) to cover salaries and benefits; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO DOLLARS (\$275,922.00) for the purpose of funding the 1998-99 year of said collective bargaining agreement, or to take any other action in relation thereto. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget article. (The School Board recommends this article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

MOTION: Suzanne Tremblay moved, seconded by Ginny McKinnon to move Article 5 onto the floor for discussion.

Ed Linde: What is the base number of the contract?

S. Tremblay: The total of what we pay all these people now? I can't tell you sir. It did not occur to me that anyone would ask that question. This agreement provides for those teachers who are here 13 years or less to get a step on the matrix. The highest increase is 4.69%. That works out to be 81 teaching staff. People who have been here longer receive a 2% increase. That turns out to be 100 people. The over all average is 3.4%

Preston Lawrance: I have that number. The cost of the current contract is \$8,118,161. The new contract, if this passes, would be \$8,394,083.

ARTICLE 5 WILL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Goffstown School District accept the provisions of Chapter 298 and RSA 194-C providing for the continuation of a COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER WITHDRAWAL FROM the School Administrative Unit (SAU 19). (As petitioned by the voters). (The School Board does not recommend this article.)

L. Emerton: This was petitioned and worked on last year. Ed Linde is here as one of the members of the committee.

Ed Linde: I have the presentation of what was found last year.

Tess Marts: Could you explain to me the ramifications of having this on the ballot? Is this a legal article and who is presenting it?

L. Emerton: I understand this was a petitioned article by the voters of the town.

Bob Wheeler: I request that if any of the petitioners are here that they be given an opportunity to explain the article so the voters be given the opportunity for a thumbs up or down.

Charlie Carr: The first study committee was not given full informa-

tion. It is not required that we have a superintendent of schools. Since the committee that decided this study did not have such information, it seems as if it is important to have a study with that information.

Ellen Vermokowitz: I served on the study committee. Mr. Carr is incorrect. According to current Statutes, we are required to have an SAU and a superintendent, business manager and to meet state and federal laws. This study has been looked at quite thoroughly. It was unanimous on the committee that no change be made. I assure you, Mr. Carr is incorrect. We looked at current law, not repealed law.

B. Wheeler: Why isn't Mr. Linde permitted to give his report, so we can have an understanding of this?

Mr. Linde: There was a warrant article to look into withdrawing from the SAU #19 last year. I was selected, along with a number of other people. We looked at this situation. They asked us to look into the withdrawal from SAU #19. We had not heard that anyone was unhappy with the administrative functions. We assumed the reason they wanted us to look at this was from a cost perspective and that is how we approached this. It was determined that going from a three town district to a single district would result in a cost increase of approximately \$121,811. We took a look at the costs from all SAU's throughout NH. We looked at the data for our own SAU. We are sharing a cost with Dunbarton and New Boston. There was a time when Bow was part of our SAU. We looked at the costs during the last year Bow was part of our SAU and the costs after Bow moved out. The cost increase to the Town of Bow was \$19.42 per pupil, just for administrative costs when they left our SAU. We only looked at alternatives which were proven. It is our unanimous recommendation among the committee that we remain as part of SAU #19.

B. Wheeler: You showed what happened to Bow when they went from a larger group to a very small group. Did you have a similar type of charge that showed what happened to the rest of us that got a little smaller?

E. Linde: There is a more detailed report. I really don't remember.

B. Wheeler: There was a statement made that we are required to have an SAU, superintendent, business administrator. Are we required to have a business administrator?

E. Linde: We have to provide administrative functions. The law lists the functions. They are listed in the full report. I would provide a copy to anyone that is interested in the full report.

Bill McKenzie: Did you say the costs were greater in other school districts?

E. Linde: We looked at multiple and single. It would have been terrific if we would have found a coop set of data. When you analyze the data and results, it was not homogenous.

B. McKenzie: You do not have to have these services as they are now perceptually taken.

E. Linde: I only looked at things that are being done by other districts. I did not take into account anything that is experimental.

B. McKenzie: That committee was deprived of the full information. Last year I called you several times, Mr. Emerton, to be on this committee and I never received a return call.

L. Emerton: If this passes, you call me again about this issue.

E. Vermokowitz: This committee did a very thorough job and researched the state laws as they exist today, and we were governed by the Statutes. These meetings were posted and not once did anyone attend. I urge you to vote no on this petition.

Charlie Carr: It is correct that the services have to be provided, but the RSA does not require a superintendent to do it.

L. Emerton: This Article will have to go on the ballot. It is a petitioned article.

B. Wheeler: In your individual and considered opinion, are there benefits to continue the study, and if there are some, could you share them with us?

Ed Linde: The members of the committee handled this very professionally. We looked at the facts. The committee voted unanimously and I think that says a lot. We looked at only proven methods. If there are other methods that people want to look at, that is not my decision.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: T. Marts: I request an amendment to read as follows: **Since we have already completed a study, shall the Goffstown School District accept the report of the 1997-1998 committee and not form a new committee to consider withdrawal from the School Administrative Unit (SAU #19)?**

E. Vermokowitz: If this goes on the ballot and it is voted in the negative, what does that mean?

Tess Marts: If this is voted no, then we do not accept the report of the 1998-1998 committee.

E. Vermokowitz: If this goes on the ballot, then it is voted down in March 10, what happens?

L. Emerton: It is history.

Gossett McRae: I think as voters, I would be confused. If you vote no, you are not accepting the committee's report, so you would continue to study it.

Charlie Carr: If this statement totally replaces the petitioned article, then a negative vote turns down the report of the committee, but does allow for a continuation to make a study. The original petition should be in there with this addition to it or this should not be in there at all.

B. Wheeler: Mr. Carr was very active in supporting the concept of SB2. Let us understand what it did. It provided the authority for this body to amend. It also destroyed the individual rights of any petitioner to get an article on the warrant to the annual meeting untouched by the governing body. Mrs. Marts' motion is in order.

T. Marts: This is in response to a petitioned article. I feel it is premature. If this article continues as written, it is potentially mute if the coop goes through. I respectfully request if we were in a town meeting format

that this be voted down. We do not have that option. I do feel if it is voted yes as rewritten, many people can continue without governing body requirements. I think we are trying to move in many directions too quickly.

Bill McKenzie: My understanding of the Statutes is, if the voters reject the findings of the mistaken information given to the committee, that automatically a new committee would be formed.

L. Emerton: That is not my understanding.

Craig Hieber: It was a free committee. If it did not cost anybody anything, why were you not there doing the work? I am tired of hearing people complaining at the last minute. You want what you want, you do the work.

THE STANDING VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED BY TESS MARTS WAS 137 IN FAVOR AND 18 OPPOSED. THE ARTICLE WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS AMENDED.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$166,000.00) for the purpose of replacing the Heating Boilers at Goffstown Area High School or to take any action in relation thereto. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget article. This action will not take place should Article #2 be voted in the affirmative. (The School Board recommends this article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

MOTION: Michael York moved, seconded by Pam Manney to place Article 7 on the ballot as presented. This motion carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling EIGHTEEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND THREE CENTS (\$18,267,170.03). Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be EIGHTEEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY ONE THOUSAND FORTY SIX DOLLARS (\$18,191,046.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The School Board recommends \$18,577,752.43 as the Operating Budget for Article 8).

MOTION: Peter Georgantas moved, seconded by P. Lawrance to accept Article 8 as presented.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: Suzanne Tremblay moved, seconded by Craig Hieber to amend Article 8 to read \$18,577,752.43 as the operating budget for the Goffstown School District.

S. Tremblay: (Displays overhead pie charts) You are seeing a friendly disagreement between the School Board and the Budget Committee. The budget we are recommending is up well over \$1 million. It is a 6.6% increase over last year's budget. (First pie chart was proposed School Board budget with an increase of \$1,142,776). The biggest increase is in special education. \$73,000 is mandated for oil tank replacement. We do not have to replace all of the tanks, but we do have to bring them up to current code by December 1998. This is the only opportunity we will have to budget the money to get that done. \$64,925 is for two additional buses for regular education and transportation to the skills center. Most of the elementary runs are at, and sometimes beyond, capacity. We don't have a lot of choice to make. \$152,781 is for increases in insurance we are obligated to pay by contract. The \$200,000 we have some discretion over. We feel this is needed to move us in the direction of getting our accreditation off of warning status for GHS. This buys us two curriculum coordinators, staff development, etc. Two deficiencies that were noted in the report was that we do not provide enough custodial services here and good maintenance. This provides for an additional custodian and a half time maintenance person. The pink piece is the rest of the budget for additional teachers, supplies for students, etc. This budget contains no new programs. This moves us along the path we have chosen to take. It does not allow us to go backwards. This second pie chart is the Budget Committee's budget. (The second pie chart was the Budget Committee's budget with an increase of \$832,194). They feel we do not need to add additional dollars to deal with the accreditation issue. It leaves us only \$124,000 for the rest of the budget. The last chart is scary. (The third pie chart was the default budget with an increase of \$756,070). This is the default budget. The first four pieces remains the same.

The pink section is smaller. It covers accreditation and nothing else. This leaves us with \$756,070 over last year's budget. When we got the budgets from the principals, we did not say yes to everything. It gives us what we feel we need. We wanted to present a budget that was based on need, so we did not have the default budget figures given to us at that time.

Patty Giguere: If the default budget goes into effect, will we most likely lose our accreditation?

S. Tremblay: I can't say that for sure, but I will say it is very likely. We have to submit a report in August 1998 to show what we are doing.

P. Georgantas: The Budget Committee spent many hours going through the budget. There has to be a realization here that the Budget Committee's job is to budget. We gave an increase of \$800,000 over last year's school budget. This year we are in a default budget. We have already bought a pick-up truck out of the budget this year and paid \$9,000 for a study to get an valuation of the school buildings. When we looked at the default budget, there was \$20,000 extra so far this year. When the Budget Committee is looking at an \$800,000 increase, I think if we tighten our belts, we can live with this \$800,000 increase and the school can live with that number.

S. Tremblay: We did find money to pay a truck and plow and we paid less than \$5,000 for an assessment and the money was found in salary lines for high priced teachers who retired and were replaced by four less expensive teachers. That does not happen every year.

Scott Gross: I read through the letter that was sent by the Accreditation Board, which talked about significant deficiencies. To think that the Budget Committee did not allocate any money for that concerns me. I came from an area that lost its accreditation. If the community wants to take the risk, you can go ahead. I will not take that risk. If you want to see your property values decrease, go ahead and do that. I find it somewhat irresponsible not to allow any money to deal with this building. I am ashamed we have a high school in this shape.

John Stafford: We did not say the accreditation problem should not be addressed. We feel with the people that we have in the school system, they can do this.

T. Marts: Was there an amendment made to this Article?

L. Emerton: Yes.

T. Marts: If the amendment is passed, does the default number hold?

P. Georgantas: The default number does not change.

T. Marts: I support budgeting in excess of our default budget. I recognize the differences between the Budget Committee and the School Board's requested numbers. The discrepancy between the School Board's budget and the cost for tuition to Derryfield School is \$12,000 per year per pupil. Trinity is \$4,000 per year per pupil. I think it makes good sense to not only support this budget, but Article 2, given the timing for borrowing money is not going to get better than it is right now.

Charlie Carr: The New England Association of Schools and College's report says that by August 28, 1998 school officials must show it has made progress to provide effective departmental leadership and coordination within each discipline. Develop and implement a formal process to assess and revise the curriculum. The School Board is proposing two high priced curriculum coordinators. I think we should reinstate the department heads at the high school and not hire those two high priced people.

L. Emerton: *The vote you are going to make would be on the amendment to Article 8 to place \$18,577,752.43 on the ballot as the School Board's recommended budget.*

VOTE: The Moderator read the amendment. He declared the voice vote in the affirmative. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 8 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS AMENDED.

Mr. Emerton thanked Les Rosenthal and Travis Roy for filming this meeting this evening.

MOTION: Sue Tremblay moved, seconded by Ellen Vermokowitz to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann D'Avanza

Goffstown School District Clerk

1998 SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS

Goffstown, NH
MARCH 10, 1998

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

For Three (3) Years	Vote for Three (3)
CRAIG S. HIEBER	1711
KARL R. MacGIBBON	1533
SUZANNE TREMBLAY	1263
ELLEN VERMOKOWITZ	1664

ARTICLE 2

Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of FOURTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,500,000.00) for the construction of addition(s) to the Goffstown Area High School, for renovations to the existing building, for the payment of furnishings, equipment, architectural and other fees, site development and related incidental and necessary costs for such construction and existing school renovation pursuant to the plans and specifications as may be approved by the School Board, copies of which shall be on file with the School Administrative Unit #19 Office in Goffstown, New Hampshire; and (1) to raise such sum by the issuance of bonds or notes of the District in an amount not to exceed FOURTEEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,250,000.00) in accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, the form and terms of said bonds or notes including the time and place for the payment of interest, the rate of interest, and provisions for the sale of said bonds, or notes and all other matters in connection therewith to be left to the discretion of the School Board, and (2) further, to specifically appropriate to the payment of the costs of said construction, interest payments and legal fees up to TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00) from any interest which may be earned on the proceeds of the sale of the bonds or notes or any premium therefrom; or to

take any other action in relation thereto? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget article.
YES – 786 NO – 1807

ARTICLE 3

Shall the school district accept the provisions of RSA 195 (as amended) providing for the establishment of a cooperative school district, together with the school districts of Dunbarton and New Boston, in accordance with the provisions of the proposed articles of agreement filed with the school district clerk?
YES – 905 NO – 1644

ARTICLE 4

Shall the District affirm and be bound by the financial provisions of a one year collective bargaining agreement entered into by and between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff, NEA-New Hampshire covering the year 1998-99, wherein the estimated increased cost for the 1998-99 is NINETY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$93,744.80) to cover salaries and benefits; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$79,744.80) for the purpose of funding the 1998-99 year of said collective bargaining agreement, and to take FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,000.00) from the Food Service Revenue Accounts for the purpose of funding the balance of the said 1998-1999 collective bargaining agreement, or to take any other action in relation thereto? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget article.
YES – 1232 NO – 1328

ARTICLE 5

Shall the District affirm and be bound by the financial provisions of a one year collective bargaining agreement entered into by and between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Education Association covering the year 1998-1999, wherein the estimated increased cost for 1998-99 is TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO DOLLARS (\$275,922.00) to cover salaries and benefits; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO DOLLARS (\$275,922.00) for the purpose of funding the 1998-1999 year of said collective bargaining agreement, or to take any other action in relation thereto? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget article.

YES - 1146

NO - 1396

ARTICLE 6

Since we have already completed a study, shall the Goffstown School District accept the report of the 1997-1998 committee and not form a new committee to consider withdrawal from the School Administrative Unit (SAU 19)?

YES - 1360

NO - 1100

ARTICLE 7

Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$166,000) for the purpose of replacing the Heating Boilers at Goffstown Area High School or to take any action in relation thereto? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget article. This action will not take place should Article #2 be voted in the affirmative.

YES - 2064

NO - 473

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling EIGHTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY TWO DOLLARS AND FORTY THREE CENTS (\$18,577,752.43.) Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be EIGHTEEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY ONE THOUSAND FORTY SIX DOLLARS (\$18,191,046.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only?

YES - 807

NO - 1750

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

1999 WARRANT

SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING

FEBRUARY 1, 1999

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Goffstown qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet on Monday, the first day of February 1999, in the theater at Goffstown Area High School, at 7:00 P.M. for the first session of the School District Annual Meeting, also known as the first Deliberative Session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on Tuesday, March 9, 1999.

You are further notified to meet on Tuesday, the ninth day of March 1999, also known as the second session, to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls are open on March 9, 1999, at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. at the Central polling district at the Goffstown Area High School and will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School.

ARTICLE 1

To choose all School District officers for the ensuing years: To choose three members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

ARTICLE 2

Shall the District affirm and be bound by the financial provisions of a four year Collective Bargaining Agreement entered into by and between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff, NEA-New Hampshire covering the years 1999-2003, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
1999 – 2000	\$127,600
2000 – 2001	\$109,361
2001 – 2002	\$101,228
2002 – 2003	\$103,066

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$127,600.00) for the purpose of funding the 1999-2000 year of said collective bargaining agreement and to take FIFTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$15,368.00) from the Food Service Revenue Accounts with the remaining ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$112,232.00) to come from taxation for the purpose of funding the balance of the said 1999-2000 collective bar-

gaining agreement, or to take any other action in relation thereto. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #4, the operating budget article. *(The School Board recommends this article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)*

ARTICLE 3

Shall the District affirm and be bound by the financial provisions of a five-year Collective Bargaining Agreement entered into by and between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Education Association covering the years 1999-2004, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
1999 – 2000	\$310,824
2000 – 2001	\$369,425
2001 – 2002	\$325,074
2002 – 2003	\$404,436
2003 – 2004	\$347,027

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$310,824) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #4, the operating budget article. *(The School Board recommends this article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)*

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling EIGHTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FORTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$18,357,046.00). Should this Article be defeated, the Operating Budget shall be EIGHTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$18,420,368.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only. *(The School Board recommends \$18,500,368.00 as the Operating Budget for Article 4.)*

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AT SAID GOFFSTOWN ON THIS TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 1999.

Michael York, *Chair*
 Ellen Vermokowitz, *Vice Chair*
 Randall Benthien
 Craig Hieber
 Karl MacGibbon

Pamela Manney
 Virginia McKinnon
 Jane Raymond
 William Totherow
 SCHOOL BOARD

OCTOBER 1ST PUPIL ENROLLMENT 1994 – 1998**

School	Grade	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Bartlett	Pre-School	—	—	—	13	17
	Multi-age (1,2,3)	—	40	39	42	42
	1	56	39	39	40	47
	2	60	36	40	38	37
	3	74	46	46	41	42
	Special Ed	—	—	—	—	—
Total – Bartlett		190	161	164	174	185
Maple Avenue	Pre-School	22	21	32	23	18
	Multi-age (1,2,3)	—	66	67	68	69
	1	122	101	138	86	117
	2	138	107	106	147	97
	3	138	119	106	116	152
Total – Maple Avenue		420	414	449	440	453
Mountain View	4	173	214	201	199	191
	5	183	175	204	207	203
	6	176	183	179	217	208
	7	287	277	257	261	286
	8	259	283	281	255	257
Total – MVMS		1,078	1,132	1,122	1,139	1,145
High School	9	221	244	262	262	225
	10	234	213	233	254	245
	11	233	235	233	235	273
	12	169	206	194	172	181
	Special Ed	—	—	—	—	—
	PG	—	3	—	—	—
Total – High School		857	901	922	923	924
GRAND TOTAL 1993-1997		2,545	2,608	2,657	2,676	2,707

** Home Study included in figures 25 26 20 24

Home Study Students (in addition to Grand Total) 23

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER

PLODZIK & SANDERSON

Professional Association/Accountants & Auditors

193 North Main St. Concord, NH 03301-5063 603-225-6996 FAX 224-1380

December 18, 1997

To the Members of the School Board
Goffstown School District
Goffstown, New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Goffstown School District for the year ended June 30, 1997, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 1997. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School District's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the School District's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

During the course of our review, the following conditions were noted that were considered to be material weaknesses as defined above:

GENERAL ACCOUNTING RECORDS

Findings

Significant additional audit time was spent again this year analyzing and reconciling the general ledger accounts due to the condition of the records. Numerous audit adjustments were made to record accounts receivable, accounts payable, adjust cash balances and to reconcile interfund balances.

We commenced our audit fieldwork on Monday, August 11, 1997, and were not provided necessary general ledger trial balances until Thursday, August 14, 1997, and then only the Food Service Fund.

The General Fund trial balance was provided on Friday, August 15. At this time, the following problems were noted:

1. The cash balance differed from the Treasurer's accounts by \$87,722.84.

2. Listings of accounts receivable and accounts payable did not agree with the trial balance.

3. The District assessment due from the Town of Goffstown had not been reconciled. It was eventually determined that an additional \$25,875 was due.

4. Interfund accounts between the General, Food Service and Federal Projects Funds did not balance.

5. Receivables for Vocational Education Transportation from the State of New Hampshire totaling \$22,112, were not recorded.

6. Deduction checks dated as far back as May 8, 1997, made payable to the Goffstown School District, had not been deposited into the School District accounts as of August 15, 1997.

At this time, we discussed these problems with the Business Administrator and discontinued our fieldwork. On October 21, 1997, we continued with the fieldwork, and we were able to substantially complete the audit except for a few items. These items were not cleared up until January 7, 1998, enabling us to complete the audit and release our reports.

Recommendations

It would appear from our audit that there was a complete breakdown in internal accounting controls as numerous errors were not discovered until the independent audit commenced.

The objective of a proper internal control system is to provide management with reasonable but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss, from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Without adequate procedures for monitoring the overall performance of the system, it is possible that deterioration may occur which could result in the District's inability to detect errors and irregularities on a timely basis. Reliance to detect errors, should not rest solely with the independent audit.

All proprietary accounts should be reconciled on a routine basis in order to assure the accuracy and reliability of the various account balances. While our review of internal systems for financial audit purposes is limited, and there may be other factors which need to be considered, it appears that the efficiency of the accounting system as a whole is lacking. This could be the result of many factors, including inadequate procedures, the need for further training, inadequate supervision of the accounting department, changing requirements and increased workloads.

We are available to assist the School Administrative Unit in addressing these issues by providing accounting expertise and oversight as needed to assess the present system, training for employees, and to monitor the accounting system until the system is operating properly and efficiently.

DISBURSEMENT DOCUMENTATION

When performing the testing of internal controls over disbursements, it was noted that there were instances where the supporting invoice documentation was not retained on file or was incomplete. Internal controls should be in place to provide reasonable assurance that monies disbursed are proper, which includes adequate documentation to support the disbursement. In the future, all disbursements should be supported by a canceled invoice and any other supporting documentation that has been properly approved authorizing the disbursement.

PAYROLL AND VENDOR MANIFEST APPROVAL *(Repeat Comment)*

Currently, summary manifests for payroll and vendor checks are signed each month by a majority of the School Board members and the Superintendent. Proper backup is not consistently kept with the manifests. The summary manifests alone do not give any detail of the checks being issued such as vendor/employee name and amount of each check.

We recommend that the majority of the School Board and the Superintendent sign each payroll and vendor manifest independently to insure that all disbursements are properly authorized.

PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM *(Repeat Comment)*

Although the District has a purchase order system, some procedures required to achieve proper internal control were not followed. An instance was noted where the purchase order date did not precede the invoice date.

It is recommended that all purchasing procedures be adhered to in order to have a properly working purchase order system.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL BUDGET

		1997-98	1997-98	1999-2000	1999-2000
		Actual	Appropriation	Proposed School	Proposed Budget Committee
Function					
1100	Regular Education	8,118,168	8,297,963	8,395,889	8,302,567
1200	Special Education	2,037,135	2,415,656	2,380,126	2,380,126
1410	Co-Curricular	216,737	270,060	265,577	265,577
1490	Drivers Education	0	4	4	4
2112	Attendance Services	0	2	2	2
2120	Guidance	507,834	551,787	549,225	549,225
2130	Health Services	130,851	141,027	146,594	146,594
2212	Curriculum Development	1,537	2,001	2,001	2,001
2213	Staff Development	41,423	66,001	66,001	66,001
2222 & 2223	Information Center Services	286,568	305,755	310,138	310,138
2224	Educational TV	4,808	3,100	7,600	7,600
2290	Technical Support Services	44,908	80,833	83,499	83,499
2311	School Board	29,620	26,320	30,320	30,320
2312	Census	0	1	1	1
2313	Treasurer	1,628	2,624	2,624	2,624
2315	Legal	26,967	25,000	25,000	25,000
2316	District Meeting	3,135	3,445	3,445	3,445
2317	Audit Services	5,400	2,800	4,000	4,000
2320	SAU Services	670,149	763,060	787,652	787,652
2410	Administration	955,234	1,078,704	1,094,338	1,044,338
2490	Curriculum Coordinators	27,057	77,251	156,678	156,678
2542	Building Maintenance	1,138,353	1,299,617	1,214,714	1,214,714
2543	Grounds Maintenance	14,862	27,275	60,795	60,795
2544	Equipment Maintenance	30,202	27,999	33,724	33,724
2552	Transportation	655,014	695,005	702,832	702,832
2553	Special Needs Transportation	175,490	263,276	285,204	285,204
2554	Field Trip Transportation	17,071	15,800	19,503	19,503
2555	Co-Curricular Transportation	33,351	37,000	38,500	38,500
2559	Skill Center Transportation	23,125	25,780	25,922	25,922
2644	GESS Course Reimbursement	4,709	6,000	6,000	6,000
3200	Athletic Fields	1,500	1,500	2,000	2,000
4500	GAHS Building Survey	42,686	25,000	25,000	25,000
5100	Debt Service	1,269,280	1,225,850	1,181,910	1,181,910
5220	Federal Grants	0	50,000	50,000	50,000
5240	Transfer Funds	0	543,550	543,550	543,550
Total Goffstown School District		16,514,802	18,357,046	18,500,368	18,357,046

NOTE: The Department of Education has adopted a new coding system which will be implemented during the 1999 – 2000 school year.

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL REVENUES

	1997-1998 Approved	1998-1999 Approved	1999-2000 Proposed School Board	1999-2000 Proposed Budget Committee
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 205,701	\$ 2,683	\$150,000	\$150,000
Revenue from State Sources				
Foundation Aid	638,174	674,928	1,413,104	1,413,104
School Building Aid	226,651	226,651	235,333	235,333
Area Vocational School	22,000	14,400	14,400	14,400
Catastrophic Aid	165,263	172,984	172,984	172,984
Child Nutrition	12,854	12,850	12,850	12,850
Revenue from Federal Sources				
IASA, Chapter I and II	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Child Nutrition Program	107,751	108,000	80,700	80,700
Local Revenue Other Than Taxes				
Tuition	2,815,262	2,200,000	2,387,000	2,387,000
Earnings on Investments	22,000	15,000	25,000	25,000
School Lunch Sales	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000
Medicaid Reimbursement		10,000	50,000	50,000
Reimbursement Spec. Ed.	91,258	50,000	50,000	50,000
Other Local Resources	8,351			
Total School Revenues & Credits	4,815,265	3,987,496	5,091,371	5,091,371
District Assessment	12,619,711	14,369,550	13,408,997	13,265,675
Total Revenues & District Assessment	\$17,434,976	\$18,357,046	\$18,500,368	\$18,357,046

DEBT SCHEDULE

Years remaining on Goffstown School District General Obligation Bonds

YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	AMOUNT DUE
1998-99	\$ 760,000.00	\$ 465,850.00	\$ 1,225,850.00
1999-00	\$ 765,000.00	\$ 416,910.00	\$ 1,181,910.00
2000-01	\$ 765,000.00	\$ 371,011.25	\$ 1,136,011.25
2001-02	\$ 755,000.00	\$ 333,693.75	\$ 1,088,693.75
2002-03	\$ 745,000.00	\$ 301,260.00	\$ 1,046,260.00
2003-04	\$ 730,000.00	\$ 268,445.00	\$ 998,445.00
2004-05	\$ 720,000.00	\$ 235,820.00	\$ 955,820.00
2005-06	\$ 705,000.00	\$ 203,228.75	\$ 908,228.75
2006-07	\$ 695,000.00	\$ 170,331.25	\$ 865,331.25
2007-08	\$ 685,000.00	\$ 135,843.75	\$ 820,843.75
2008-09	\$ 675,000.00	\$ 100,143.75	\$ 775,143.75
2009-10	\$ 665,000.00	\$ 64,968.75	\$ 729,968.75
2010-11	\$ 605,000.00	\$ 31,631.25	\$ 636,631.25
2011-12	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 307,875.00

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

BARTLETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KATHLEEN M. DODWELL, PRINCIPAL

Past traditions, family involvement, dedicated staff, strong community ties and literacy initiatives provide a strong tradition for student learning, achievement and recognition. While the oldest wing of Bartlett is over seventy-seven years old, hallways, classrooms, information center, music/art room, assemblies and the all-purpose room are renewed each day with the arrival of 185 students (168 students, grade 1-3, 17 students, pre-school.)

Long traditions and history blend with the new; including updated technology and Internet access. Cable access allows us to video school lessons, activities and events to be broadcast over classroom monitors. Two on-staff technology fellows, Ms. Linda Mack and Mrs. Mary Lane provide technology training and support for all students and staff. Mrs. Kerry Solloway (grade 1) and Mrs. Alicia David (grade 2) our newest staff members began teaching at Bartlett in September due to the retirements of Miss Priscilla Letendre and Mrs. Erin Conery.

Learning support and enrichment reading activities include Junior Great Books Interpretive Discussions run by trained parent volunteers. A student newspaper under the direction of Mrs. Cindy Petrilli provides opportunity for students to practice writing and interviewing skills and provides motivating reading material for the entire Bartlett community. Wee Deliver, an in school post office program organized this year by Mrs. Betty Ward provides opportunities for students to write friendly letters and participate in mail delivery jobs. Literacy folders contain student assessments to monitor and document student growth in reading and writing.

Additional focus on writing occurs during Bartlett's Spring Artist in Residence Program when Artist, Trish Lindberg will develop student writing skills through drama and performance during a 9-day residency. Coordinators of the program, Mrs. Paul (Music), Mrs. Plourde (Art), and Ms. Champagne (Physical Education) will work with classroom teachers to integrate writing projects into classroom themes.

Student and staff recognition takes many forms. Principal's lunch, McDonald's Student of the Month, and "Caught Doing Good" recognizes good student behavior and achievement. Each month one staff member is recognized for demonstrating good communication, collaboration and co-operation skills. This fall Mrs. Lavigne, Mrs. Petrilli, Mrs. Shaughnessy and Mrs. Roux were recognized by other staff members for these team skills. Last June Mrs. Rebecca Audley was recognized as Bartlett's "Teacher of the Year."

Spirit and excitement for learning extends beyond our school walls. Bartlett enjoys active involvement and support from: Bartlett PTA,

Pinardville Booster Club, Lions Club, Optimist, Saint Anslem, Notre Dame, Volunteers, Odds Fellows, Wal-Mart, Crotchet Mountain Foster Grandparents Program, Goffstown Post Office, Goffstown Police, and YMCA. Past contributions of library books, playground area, and hot lunch program were possible due to efforts and generosity of Bartlett Community Club. It is an honor to be entrusted with and have the opportunity to interact daily with students, staff, families, and extended Bartlett community.

MAPLE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MARC BOYD, PRINCIPAL

Remember the Kevin Costar film "Field of Dreams" and the line "If you build it, they will come"? Do you remember the last scene where the road to the ballpark is clogged with vehicles with their headlights aglow? Well, the Maple Avenue Elementary School had a similar experience during this school year.

Our variation of the theme was "If you say you're going to build it, they will come" and did they ever! Our playground was dismantled for safety issues. The PFT, staff and students were determined to construct a safe and enjoyable playground for the current and future children of Maple Avenue Elementary School.

With the help of the PFT, parents/guardians, staff and local businesses, the children were able to raise the \$ 20,000 + funds needed to purchase the playground equipment. On Saturday, April 18, under the direction of parent volunteer Dennis Lafond, the playground was built in one day with the help of over 100 volunteers! The highlight of the project was the gala dedication of the playground at a school-wide BBQ attended by hundreds of students, staff, parents/guardians and community members.

Each grade level is special at the school and I would like to share with you at least one activity from each grade level. The first graders were introduced to sign language. They learned signs that could be used in class, assemblies, and songs. It is the first grade teachers' belief that signing is a good way to reinforce basic concepts taught in the classroom and in everyday life. The first graders sang and signed a song for our annual Memorial Day observance and signed at assemblies to greet guests.

The second grade students, working with the local Goffstown Garden Club developed and built a Butterfly Garden with the intent of becoming "Young Lepidopterists" (butterfly experts). The students learned which plants and materials attract butterflies and provide a source of food and habitat for them and other birds and insects.

The second grade teachers' objective was to create a learning tool that would incorporate problem-based learning, authentic or performance-based assessment, and similar strategies that are grounded in the idea that a school should be about doing real things in real context in order to prepare students to perform optimally in the adult world. This outdoor classroom

provides an environmental experience for all the students and staff at the school.

The Multi-Age program consists of children ages 6 – 9. The classroom provides a developmentally appropriate curriculum based on each child's needs. Throughout the day the children are grouped in a variety of ways. The program goal is to meet the needs of the individual child as they occur. This year the classes have been focusing on "Flight" cumulating their study with a musical presentation which packed the Maple Tree Café for both performances.

The third grade brought life to their science curriculum while team teaching integrated theme units about the beauty and splendor of the Rain Forest and the marvels of Outer Space. The students rotated classrooms engaging in lessons on plants, animals, weather and the environment through research, writing, literature and technology. The culmination of each unit is the transformation of their classrooms and hallways to Rain Forests and Outer Space and their presentations to fellow students, staff and their parents/guardians.

This year the week of April 20 was designated "Unplugged Week" and a majority of the students and staff took the pledge and shut their TVs off for the week. Each day had a special theme, which included an assembly and an evening family activity to assist with the withdrawal symptoms of a week without television.

This is but a mere glimpse of a few of the many activities that took place during the course of the 1997/1998 school year. It would be a sin if I did not recognize the incredible support we receive from the parents/guardians, community and especially the Parent Faculty Together organization. This, coupled with the professional, caring and nurturing staff who are devoted to your children, makes the Maple Avenue Elementary School such a special place for the children.

MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

ROSE LAROCHELLE-COLBY, PRINCIPAL

JAMES DOIG AND SANDRA DAVIS

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPALS

We have had a very positive start to this year and look forward to continued student and faculty achievement and development. Our staff eagerly participated in Technology Academies over the summer along with active participation by our staff in the SAU #19 curriculum initiatives.

Our students were introduced to a new Computer Education laboratory, equipped with state of the art PCs which we relocated to a room adjacent to the Information Center. The Computer Education class taken in seventh or eighth grade class is part of our restructured Unified Arts program. In order to accommodate our increasing student population projected over the next two years, all Unified Arts offerings in seventh and eighth grade will be taken for sixty days each over the two-year span.

With the loss of International Language classes for this year, the sixth grade Unified Arts offerings were changed to Art, Music, Physical Education, and Classroom Based Guidance classes.

Teachers have studied and started to use the new standards based draft curricula in Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies with enthusiasm. The professional staff has met monthly to discuss the implementation of the draft curricula and methods of assessment for students. Under the direction of Assistant Superintendents Mary Heath and Charles Gaides, we look forward to making progress in achieving the curriculum proficiency standards embodied in the curriculum documents.

It is with pleasure that we have welcomed our new Superintendent, Dr. Darrell Lockwood. His understanding of our district and our school has made the leadership transition a smooth and exciting one. With the challenges of continued space needs and growth ahead of us, Dr. Lockwood and his leadership team will be working with us to plan for future facilities accommodations such as portables to house a projected population of 1235 students in the fall of 1999, up from the current 1165 students.

Our Unified Arts programs continue to grow in participation and celebration of the arts. The three dimensional weavings hanging in the Information Center hallway represent the culmination of the sixth grade Artist in Residency program for our sixth grade students last year. This year fifth grade students will be engaged in another residency with a basket weaver for their interdisciplinary project.

The band and chorus programs have expanded tremendously. We can no longer seat concert goers for the spring and winter concerts in one evening. We have added a sixth grade band and a men's chorus to the program. Mountain View Middle School this year will host a statewide music festival for middle level students in May 1999.

It is with pride that Mountain View Middle School again received the Blue Ribbon award for volunteerism. Thousands of hours of volunteer time by parents and community members supplements our day to day programs for students. Mountain View Partnership's magazine drive was the most successful ever with proceeds of the fundraising helping to fund teacher grants, Homework Helpspace, technology initiatives, the seventh grade field trip to Boston, and student scholarships. This fall's Pumpkinfest was very successful with many community organizations sponsoring activities for children of all ages.

Community outreach has served to bring ten partial scholarships to students anticipating the Washington D. C. trip this year. This popular trip is the highlight of the year for many students. This year Ecoquest, an environmental science onsite course in Orlando, will take eighteen students to such places as Sea World, Epcot, and the barrier islands off the coast of Florida, for five days of hands-on, experiential learning.

The Enrichment program is growing each year. Last year, students participated in Chess activities, ham radio instruction, many guest speakers, and work with a horticulturist which resulted in the butterfly garden in front of our school dedicated to the memory of Meredith Gibbons.

Last year's Career Fair was extremely successful with plans for this year's fair to be based on School to Career - Learn the Connection. This program has been expanded to a full week of career activities including a mentorship program for seventh grade students. Grant funding this year will allow us to bring Parent Kid Connection to seventh grade students and parents in collaboration with St. Anselm College.

We invite members of the greater Goffstown community to visit us at any time. Schools are a reflection of the community, and indeed, we take pride in the accomplishments and celebrations of our students and staff in all our activities.

GOFFSTOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL

CHRIS MOSCA, PRINCIPAL

JAMES FULLAM AND JOHN FARESE

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

As Principal of Goffstown Area High School, I am privileged to write my third annual town report for our school community. In the relatively short time I have served you, I have been continuously impressed by the accomplishments of our students who grace us in so many creative and exuberant ways. We are continuing our efforts to ensure that the high school will always be a place where your children will thrive intellectually and personally in our rapidly changing world.

Specifically, we have satisfactorily addressed two of the three standard areas cited in need of improvement in the 1997 NEASC accreditation report. The Commission on Public Secondary Schools reported favorably on our faculty's efforts in systemic curriculum development and implementation, the establishment of a district-wide Program Council to formally review and revise curriculum, and our plans to collect and analyze student performance data to drive instructional improvement. Several high school staff members are participating in year long, professional development activities, sponsored by the NH State Department of Education, to develop increased skills in this crucial endeavor.

Additionally, in the area of facilities, all major concerns cited by the commission were resolved. Consequently, we anticipate further improvements to our physical plant so that all our students will be able to work and grow in an environment suited to meeting their needs in the years ahead.

Our focus is now on the Standard of Assessment of Student Learning and School Performance. To meet this standard, a process has been established to ensure that our academic expectations for all students, as stated in our *Statement of Purpose*, is reviewed regularly. In this way, we can more effectively monitor and measure the success of our students and school.

Additionally, various faculty and department meetings have been devoted to refining our mid-term and final exams, developing more uniform methods of assessing student work as well as analyzing test data from the NH State Assessment Program to improve student achievement. As a result of these activities, we fully expect to meet the Commission's Assessment Standard when our Two-Year Progress Report is due in October 1999.

Although we continue to be a fully accredited high school and clearly have made significant progress over the last year, we remain on warning status until the Commission's major recommendations in the standard area of assessment are fully addressed.

In the area of personnel, we have added eight new faculty members this year: Susan Diener (English), Maureen Frazier and Pauline Grant (International Languages), Steve Gionet (Math), Kris Shimkus (Music), Michael Pepin (Alternative Education), Lauren DeCoursey (Jobs for NH Graduates), and GAHS graduate, Kim McCann in Social Studies. Ms. McCann and Mr. McBride have successfully implemented the new, required Civics program which was proposed last year to more properly align our Social Studies curriculum with the state framework and assessment.

Administratively, Leslie Derbyshire is now serving as the Special Education Facilitator for the High School and Assistant Principal John Farese is also working as Director of Guidance. Additionally, we anticipate hiring a Curriculum Supervisor for Humanities grades 7-12 this year and are proposing a similar position for Math/Science next year. The need for these positions stems from our desire to continue our progress in curriculum revision and implementation as recommended by our recent accreditation report.

I am proud to include in this report some of the outstanding accomplishments of our experienced teachers. Kirk Miller has been selected for the third consecutive year as a nominee for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching and Richard Finkleson was recognized as an Honorable Mention Recipient from the New Hampshire Affiliate of the International Society for Technology in Education. Additionally, four teachers – Carole Lessard, Robert Lukasiak, Kirk Miller and Ceil Perretta were selected by former students to be included in Who's Who Among American Teachers and seven teachers – Maureen Brown, Marilyn Fenton, Barbara French, Robert Lukasiak, Warren Palmeira, Ceil Perretta and Mary Singer have been chosen to serve on the District Program Council to provide leadership in our school district's curriculum development and implementation efforts. Finally, one of our ninth grade teams (Robert Ward, Kendra Neville, Ceil Perretta and Kirk Miller) was chosen to participate in the regional Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference as a result of their work in interdisciplinary education.

It is also fitting to mention that field hockey coach Martha Benton, who devoted 22 years to our athletic program, resigned her coaching position at the end of this season. Martha profoundly touched the lives of many fine student-athletes who learned life's valuable lessons as a result

of her passion and commitment to GAHS athletics. Best wishes, Martha, and thank you for all you've done for us!

Our work this year has also emphasized extensive community engagement. Not surprisingly, much of the leadership in this area has come directly from our students themselves. Our Student Council has hosted remarkable events this year including the Senior Citizens Dinner and a moving Veteran's Day Assembly. Peer Outreach conducted a candlelight vigil which was led by Reverend William Exner and Police Chief Stephen Monier in an effort to increase awareness regarding the prevention of alcohol and other drug abuse. We will also be working with the Goffstown Police Department to explore the possibility of having a School Resource Officer for the High School.

The Greater Goffstown Community Partnership with St. Anselm College and local businesses is continuing to provide work-based learning experiences and internships for interested students and our Youth-In-Government Group sponsored a candidates forum at the High School just prior to the November elections. Lastly, every Thursday, groups of students meet with community leaders from the YMCA to sign up for service projects at the Volunteer Center located in the High School.

It is important to note that all parents are cordially invited to attend our monthly meetings with school administrators and counselors on the first Tuesday evening of every month. We also encourage all community members to attend the variety of school events we host throughout the year. However, if you cannot attend any of these events, we are increasing our efforts through GTV 16 to broadcast as many of them as possible to the Goffstown community.

In closing, I would like to state that we are constantly striving to create a warm and inviting atmosphere for all our students and their families. Our maintenance staff has worked exceptionally hard to improve the physical condition of our building and our students have initiated a program for school beautification in our hallways and lavatories. We are also implementing a Conflict Resolution Program in our physical education classes to provide students the skills to live together in an increasingly turbulent society and are planning a program this winter devoted to teaching respect and tolerance for diversity. Finally, through the efforts of Assistant Superintendent, Mary Heath, we have obtained grant funding to develop an Alternative To Out Of School Suspension Program as well as technical assistance from the Institute for Disabilities to help our at-risk students become more successful in school.

As you can see, there are many activities occurring at the High School which simply could not be possible without your continued support and encouragement. I look forward to our ongoing work together to ensure the very best for all our young people.

GOFFSTOWN'S TRANSFER STATION

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

MEMORIAL DAY

CLOSED Saturday, May 29, 1999
(Trash on schedule. Recycling one day late.)

INDEPENDENCE DAY

CLOSED Saturday, July 3, 1999
(Trash & Recycling on schedule)

LABOR DAY

CLOSED Saturday, September 4, 1999
(Trash on schedule. Recycling one day late.)

COLUMBUS DAY

CLOSED Saturday, October 9, 1999
(Trash on schedule. Recycling one day late.)

VETERANS DAY

CLOSED Thursday, November 11, 1999
(Thursday's trash & recycling will be on Friday.)
(Friday's trash & recycling will be on Saturday.)

THANKSGIVING DAY

CLOSING AT NOON on Wednesday, November 24, 1999
CLOSED Thursday, November 25, 1999
(Thursday's trash & recycling will be on Friday.)
(Friday's trash & recycling will be on Saturday.)

CHRISTMAS DAY

CLOSING AT NOON Friday, December 24, 1999
CLOSED Saturday, December 25, 1999
(Trash & Recycling on schedule)

GOFFSTOWN'S RECYCLING PROGRAM

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

GLASS* clear, brown or green glass is accepted.

ALUMINUM CANS*

TIN & STEEL CANS*

PLASTIC* #1 PETE and #2 HDPE plastic is accepted, however, bags or containers that held petroleum products such as motor oil are excluded. Look for recycling symbol and # on bottom.

ASEPTIC PACKAGING* such as juice boxes and milk cartons.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD should be flattened and cut down to no larger than 21" x 32". Corrugated cardboard consists of three layers of cardboard, where the center layer consists of ridges.

NEWSPAPER should be placed in a brown paper bag or tied in bundles.

MAGAZINES should be placed in a brown paper bag or tied in bundles.

MIXED PAPER such as junk mail and cereal boxes, should be placed in a paper bag. Packages partially comprised of foil, blueprint paper, carbon paper and food soiled paper, such as napkins and paper plates are excluded.

**Please rinse clean.*

DROP OFF PROGRAM

All of the items accepted at the curb as well as the following items are accepted in our Drop Off Program at the Transfer Station.

TEXTILES should be clean, dry and bagged.

WOOD consisting of lumber, building materials, furniture and roofing, which is painted, stained, or pressure treated, is accepted. Nails do not have to be removed.

LEAVES must be removed from plastic bags. Paper bags accepted.

BRUSH is limited to no larger than 5" diameter. No stumps accepted.

SCRAP METAL such as appliances, bikes, etc. are accepted. Car, truck, boat, motorcycle parts (fenders, doors, etc.) not accepted. Freon-based appliances, refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers are accepted.

WET-CELL BATTERIES such as automotive batteries are accepted provided the cases are not broken.

AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES are wet cell batteries; no broken cases.

TIRES are accepted.

NEW OPERATION OF TRANSFER STATION

Solid Waste Ordinance became effective June 1, 1998

All vehicles using the Transfer Station must cross the scalehouse and be weighed in and out. All vehicles using the Transfer Station must have a valid permit, affixed to the vehicle and clearly visible to the scalehouse operator. Fees will be charged for the following items:

OBW (Oversized Bulky Waste)/Demolition: 5¢ per pound. Building material, roofing, sheetrock, wood products, fences, furniture, console TVs/stereos, couches, stuffed chairs, carpeting, toilets, siding, pallets.

Mattresses & Box Springs: \$10 each

Refrigerators & Freezers (doors removed)/**Air Conditioners:** \$15 ea.

Tires: Car \$1 each; Truck \$5 each; Heavy Equipment \$25 each.

Commercial Vehicles: 5¢ per pound for everything



TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY

FIRE & AMBULANCE SERVICE	911 or 497-3311
POLICE	911 or 497-2232
POISON CENTER	800-562-8236

TOWN OFFICES

Assessor	497-3611	Parks & Recreation	497-3003
Building Inspector	497-3612	Planning Dept.	497-8991
District Court	497-2597	Police Dept.	497-4858
Finance Dept.	497-3615	Public Library	497-2102
Fire Dept. (Church St)	497-3537	Public Works Dept.	497-3617
Fire Dept. (E. Goffs.)	497-4655	Selectmen's Office	497-8990
Fire Dept. (Pinardville)	622-6713	Sewer Commission	497-8992
Goffstown Village		Support Services	497-3616
Water Precinct	497-3621	Tax Collector	497-3614
Grasmere Village		Town Clerk	497-3613
Water Precinct	497-8346	Transfer Station	497-4824

SCHOOLS

Bartlett Elementary	623-8088	Mountain View Middle	497-8288
Goffs. High School	497-4841	S.A.U. #19	497-4818
Maple Ave. Elem.	497-3330		